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TELEGRAM CEO DUROV ARRESTED BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES

The founder and CEO of the messaging service was detained at Paris-Le Bourget Airport late on Saturday upon his arrival from Azerbaijan. Pavel Durov was arrested over allegations that Telegram has been used for money laundering, drug trafficking and sharing child sexual content, media reports said. He is accused of failing to take steps to curb criminal uses of his messaging service. The warrant was issued at the request of the country's interior ministry | P11

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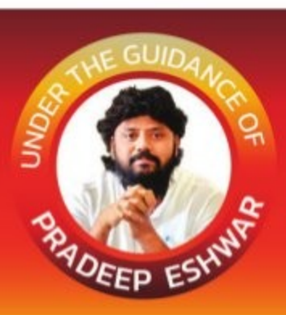

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Israeli Air Force intercepts a Hezbollah UAV over north Israel on Sunday; close-up of the projectile being blown into pieces | AFP

Israel hits Lebanon with 100 jets in 'self defence'

Hezbollah fires over 300 rockets, says first phase of attack is over

AGENCIES

ISRAEL on Sunday launched its biggest air offensive in recent times as it sent over 100 fighter jets into Lebanon to destroy "rocket launchers aimed at Israel", claiming Hezbollah was about to unleash a large-scale attack against it.

The Israeli military said its fighter jets had destroyed "thousands" of Hezbollah rocket launchers "aimed toward northern Israel and some were aimed toward central Israel", far from the border.

Meanwhile, Iran-backed Hezbollah rejected Israel's claims of having thwarted its attack, saying it had fired 320 Katyusha rockets targeting "enemy positions" across the border. This, it said, was the first phase of its retaliation for Israel's assassination of its commander Fuad Shukr last month.

In a televised speech on Sunday, Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said his group targeted a military intelligence base near Tel Aviv. However, Israeli sources said there were no hits on the base.

Hezbollah's claims

The militant group said it targeted 11 bases, barracks and military positions in northern Israel and the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights, and dismissed Israel's claim to have thwarted its attack. It, however, did not provide evidence for its claims

Following the Sunday airstrikes, three deaths were reported in Lebanon. While Hezbollah clarified that it was not planning any further strikes as of now, Israel's foreign minister said his country did not seek a full-scale war. Both sides claimed they had struck only military targets.

The US helped track the barrage of rockets and drones launched by Hezbollah against Israel, but was not involved in strikes in Lebanon or in shooting down incoming projectiles, AFP reported quoting a US defence official.

The Hezbollah has traded near-daily cross-border fire with Israeli forces throughout the Gaza war, in a campaign it says in support of Hamas. According to experts, any major escalation in the fighting, which began in parallel with the war in Gaza, risks morphing into a regional conflagration drawing in Hezbollah's backer Iran and Israel's main ally the US. The situation remains tense though both sides hinted they have no immediate plans to continue strikes. P11

Pic of Darshan raises doubts of VIP life in jail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A photo of actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, who is lodged at Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara in connection with the kidnap and murder of Renukaswamy, holding a cigarette and chatting with other inmates inside the prison, and the visuals of a video call purportedly made from the prison surfaced on Sunday, raising doubts that the prison staff might have extended preferential treatment to the actor.

In the photo, Darshan is seen sitting with his manager Nagaraj -- also an accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, and rowdy-sheeters, Wilson Garden Naga and Kulla Seena, inside the quarantined area of the prison, where high-security prisoners are generally lodged. In the photograph, which appears to have been clicked from the window of a cell, the actor is seen holding a coffee mug in one hand and a lit cigarette in the other. It is said that a jail inmate, who clicked the photo, had shared it with his wife and it was widely shared later.

A photo shows actor Darshan holding a coffee mug and a cigarette, and sitting and chatting with other inmates, in the Bengaluru Central Prison | EXPRESS

Meanwhile, a video clip of around 10 seconds has also surfaced, in which a person on a video call gives the mobile phone to Darshan, who speaks to another person on the call.

No senior officials from the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services were available for a comment.

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CBI conducts raids over irregularities in RG Kar

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

THE CBI's anti-corruption unit on Sunday conducted searches on the premises of ex-principal of R G Kar Medical College and Hospital Sandip Ghosh, former medical superintendent cum vice-principal Sanjay Vashisth, and 13 others in and around Kolkata in connection with the probe into financial irregularities at the state-run institute.

Officials said the CBI team reached Ghosh's residence at 6 am but was made to wait for one-and-half hours before they were let in. The sleuths started questioning Ghosh at 8 am and it continued till late night. The CBI's anti-corruption unit also searched the residences and offices of those engaged in supplying materials for the management and care of patients.

Sources said the CBI team visited the premises of Dr Debasish Som, Sandip Ghosh's close aide. He is the head of the department of forensic science at RG Kar. CBI sleuths called the head clerk of the forensic medicine department to know the whereabouts of the alleged organ racket. According to CBI sources, the racket sells body parts sourced from various state-run medical colleges; officials said Dr Sandip Ghosh and his allies have been giving cover to the racket.

A senior officer said: "We have got lots of information regarding the illegal racket in the state. We are in search of other doctors who are involved in the scam. Several doctors working in private hospitals are also involved in the scam."

Meanwhile, the lie detection test on Sanjay Roy, the main accused in the rape-murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar hospital, was conducted at Kolkata's Presidency Jail where he is lodged. Four persons including former principal Sandip Ghosh underwent the polygraph test on Saturday, the officials said.

Crimes against women unpardonable sin: Modi

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said crimes against women are unpardonable sins and the guilty should not be spared.

He was speaking at the 'Lakhpati Didi Sammelan' in north Maharashtra's Jalgaon, days after the rape-murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital and the sexual assault of two minor girls at a school in Maharashtra's Badlapur, triggered a nationwide uproar.

"The message should go from top to bottom. This sin is unpardonable. Governments will come and go, but protecting life and women's dignity is a big responsibility of all of us, both as a society and as a government," Modi said.

Modi said the guilty should not be spared and those helping them should also be dealt with firmly. "Those helping the perpetrators of crimes against women should not be spared. Be it a hospital, school, government or police station, at whatever level negligence occurs, everyone should be held accountable," he said.

Modi said Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which replaced the Indian Penal Code, will provide greater support to women in achieving justice. "Earlier, there were delays, and we have removed all this in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. If a woman does not want to visit a police station, she can file an e-FIR from her residence, and the police will have to act. There is provision for death penalty and life imprisonment for atrocities against women," Modi said.

Woman feeds villagers after Gruha Lakshmi scheme restarts

SUNIL PATIL @ Belagavi

AN elderly woman, who had taken a vow in a temple for the restart of Gruha Lakshmi scheme -- which had halted briefly, offered a special meal to villagers after the government restarted depositing Rs 2,000 to women heads of families.

The woman, **Akkatai Langoti**, who is 65 years old and lives with her mentally challenged son at Susatti village of Raibag taluk in Belagavi district, became the talking point of the entire state after she offered holige oota to fellow villagers on Friday. She bore the expenses from a part of the Gruha Lakshmi money she had saved for the purpose.

Villagers said Akkatai is poor and earns her living through farming and selling buffalo milk. "But she is spiritual and actively participates in all religious activities. When the money being deposited under Gruha Lakshmi stopped for a while, she had taken the vow at the temple of Adavi Laxmi -- the village deity," they said.

Akkatai told her neighbours Dundawwa Nooli (70) and Lakkawwa Hattiholi (55) and other women about her plan.

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Only two great Indian bustards seen in K'taka

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Ballari

WITH just two individuals of Great Indian Bustard birds being sighted in the last six months in Ballari district, the state forest department is planning some urgent measures to safeguard the last remaining population of these majestic birds.

Around 14 sqkm of land in Siruguppa taluk of Ballari district, which has been declared the GIB sanctuary, now serves as the last remaining habitat of these birds in Karnataka. Six months ago, there were six birds in Siruguppa and today, there are just two.

Desperate measures planned by the forest department include GPS-tagging of the birds, artificial hatching of eggs, introducing young birds to the forest, involving local communities and setting up a research centre in Siruguppa. The Ballari division of the forest department has requested the state government to allow GPS tagging of the two individuals (one male and one female) sighted in Siruguppa and surroundings. The forest division has already set up CCTV cameras to constantly monitor the movement of the birds a long the Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh border. P5

Fruit flies from Dharwad to fly to space!

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@ Dharwad

FRUIT flies from Dharwad are flying to space! The flies, with the scientific name Drosophila melanogaster, will be used in an experiment in space during the Gaganyaan manned mission, which is scheduled for next year. The flies have been developed by the Department of Biotechnology at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad.

It may sound strange, but fruit flies share about 77% of genes that cause diseases in humans. The flies are crucial to study the formation of kidney stones among astronauts in space.

INTO VOID & BACK

- Both male and female flies will be sent to space
- The study to cost Rs 78 lakh
- The specialised kit housing fruit flies will have food prepared with foodgrain powder
- The astronauts, the flies and other payloads will land in Indian Ocean after the mission.

Kidney stones are a common health issue among astronauts. Reports indicate that kidney stones have been observed in astronauts over 30 times during space missions. They experience an increased risk of kidney stone formation because of elevated calcium excretion from bone loss, increased urine acidity, consumption of dehydrated food, reduced urine output and other factors.

"Fruit flies are important to better understand how the molecular mechanisms work when kidney stones are formed among humans in space. The experiment will help come up with improved treatments, particularly for Indian astronauts," said Ravi Kumar Hosmani, Assistant Professor at the UAS Biotechnology Department. P5

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EXPRESS READ

Rajnath visits top US naval facility

Washington: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited one of the world's largest water tunnel facilities for testing submarines in the US, amidst a proposal for the establishment of a similar facility for indigenous design and development in India.

Excise scam: SC to hear Nair's plea tomorrow

New Delhi: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on August 27 the bail plea of former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) communication in-charge Vijay Nair in a money laundering case related to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

PEAK OF VALOUR

5-yr-old Punjab boy youngest Asian to scale Mt Kilimanjaro

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

AT the age of five, most children would not have heard of Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro. But for five-year-old Teghbir Singh from Ropar in Punjab, it was a year-old dream that came true when he reached Africa's tallest peak on August 23. In doing so, he became the youngest person from Asia to scale the 5,895-metre tall mountain.

After a year of preparation, Teghbir started the trek on August 18 and reached the Uhuru peak on August 23, battling fierce snowstorms on the way. He was accompanied by his father Sukhinderdeep Singh, two guides and supporting staff.

"I was told to chant Waheguru when I felt tired and I did that. It helped me scale the summit," Teghbir, a first-standard student of Shiwalik Public School at Ropar, told this newspaper over the phone. With this feat, he equaled the world record of summiting Mt Kilimanjaro at age five by a Serbia boy Ognjen Zivkovi on August 6 last year.

Teghbir Singh during his trek to Mount Kilimanjaro | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Teghbir started preparing almost a year ago. He was trained by Bikramjit Singh Ghuman who helped him with the exercises to increase cardiovascular health and lung capacity to deal with altitude sickness," Singh said.

Commenting on his son's journey to the peak, Singh said, "Every day he trekked around 8-10 kilometers and temperatures dropped with every ascent he made. He walked and stayed in a low-oxygen altitude in a minus-grade temperature for almost a week". The push to the summit was undertaken during fierce snowstorms. "It was a very challenging moment for the entire crew," Singh said.

Teghbir had trekked to the Everest Base Camp in April.

ALMANAC TODAY

Monday: 26.08.2024 • Year: Krodhi • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Shravana • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Sapthami 8.19 am • Nakshatra: Krithika 9.22 pm • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER — MIN 20°C | MAX 27°C

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Sunrise 06.08 am | Sunset 06.34 pm | Moonrise 11.57 pm | Moonset 12.20 pm

After bags, laptops, Metro commuters leave gold behind

Costliest being bag with ₹4 lakh worth gold items found in station, mangalsutras also found on platforms

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

GOLD jewellery, including mangalsutras, figures among the forgotten items by Metro commuters inside trains or platforms recently. With the ridership surging above the 8 lakh mark on a daily basis frequently, items left behind by the forgetful too are on the rise. Thanks to the stringent policy in place regarding items left behind by passengers and the overwhelming presence of CCTVs all over, commuters invariably get their items back if they make an attempt to collect them.

A Metro source said gold jewellery worth Rs 4 lakh, among the costliest items found so far inside its trains, was found on August 17 at the Krantivira

A bag with valuables found near the baggage scanner at Yeshwanthpur Metro station

Sangolli Rayanna (BRCS) Metro station. "A bag with 50 gm of jewellery comprising two gold chains and two gold rings was left behind by a passenger on platform one of the station around 10.30 pm. The bag also had Rs 3,500 in cash. A private security guard who found it sometime later alerted the security officer at the station," the source added.

As is the norm with abandoned bags, it was first scanned using handheld metal detectors and passed through the X-ray inspection system before the contents were examined.

Within an hour, a passenger, Basavaraj Naganur, came to the station and staked claim to it. "He said he had arrived in Bengaluru from Belagavi the same day and was on way to Baiyappanahalli Metro station. After reaching there, Naganur remembered his bag and came rushing back to the BRCS station as he recalled placing the bag on the platform floor. The passenger was able to tell the colour of the bag and the contents inside. After crosschecking his ID, he was handed over the property," the source said.

On August 14, a passenger, Beena Khan. forgot her handbag near the baggage scanner of Yeshwanthpur Metro station around 8 pm. "It had four gold rings and Rs 1,200 in cash. She reached the station later at night and got it," the source said.

A senior Metro official added that they had found two gold mangalsutras in two separate incidents on the platforms at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Metro stations ten days ago. "They must have slipped and fallen when boarding or alighting. We rarely find mangalsutras. One woman came the following day to file a complaint and was relieved to find her jewellery with us. The other one is still in our 'Lost & Found' section at the Yeshwantpur Metro station."

He added that tiffin bags were the most commonly forgotten items inside trains with a few bags found daily across stations. Laptops, helmets and umbrellas are the other items commonly left behind.

Items lost inside trains or stations are kept at the station for up to 24 hours to allow the passenger to come and collect it. Beyond that, items are sent either to the Yeshwantpur or Baiyappanahalli Metro stations which have a separate Lost & Found department. People need to produce their IDs and collect them within six months. In case of unclaimed items, an auction is held every six months to dispose of them.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and MLA Priya Krishna inaugurate the Palike Bazaar in Vijayanagar on Sunday | EXPRESS

Palike Bazaar opens in Vijayanagar, to benefit street vendors, public

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Bengaluru got its own Palike Bazaar on Sunday. South India's first air-conditioned underground bazaar with 79 shops, located adjacent to Vijayanagar Metro Station and bus stand, was inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

After the inauguration, the CM directed BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath to take up a survey to identify places where similar bazaars can be set up for the benefit of street vendors and the public. "This Palike Bazaar is one of the special projects of the Congress government, aimed at improving the conditions of street vendors who brave the sun and rain. This is the brainchild of Vijayanagar MLA M Krishnappa. Such bazaars should be constructed in other areas of the city, like Gandhi Bazaar, to benefit street vendors," said Siddaramaiah.

'International city'

Siddaramaiah said there is no question of rolling back the guarantee schemes, and claimed that development is not taking a beating because of the guarantee schemes. "The government is spending Rs 56,000 crore for the five guarantee schemes. It is spending Rs 1,04,000 crore on developmental projects," he said.

FEATURES OF PALIKE BAZAAR

- Located next to Vijayanagar Metro Station and bus stand
- Spread over 1,165sqm

- 79 shops, each measuring 9sqm
- Constructed at a cost of ₹13cr, work started in 2017
- 8 entry points, one lift, two scalators
- 31 air-conditioners, each shop installed with fire extinguishers

Finale of STEM Challenge to be held at National Hill View School

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE National Education Foundation, as part of the 'We Care We Share' initiative led by Aisshwarya DKS Hegde, was announced as the venue partner for the 4th edition of the National STEM Challenge. Organised by Brillio as a CSR project, this is India's only nationwide STEM competition, specifically for students from government and government-aided schools. Aisshwarya DKS Hegde is DCM DK Shivakumar's daughter.

The grand finale is set to take place on August 27 at National Hill View Public School in Banashankari. The event will feature 60 of India's most talented young minds, competing with innovation, skill and creativity in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). This year's challenge marks the largest edition to date, with over 2,000 students participating from across the country.

Aisshwarya DKS Hegde, trustee secretary of National Education Foundation, expressed her excitement about the event, "We are thrilled to host the 4th edition of National STEM Challenge. This event not only showcases the incredible talent in our government and government-aided schools but also aligns with our mission to promote educational equity and excellence. We are committed to empowering students by providing them with opportunities to learn, grow, and demonstrate their skills on the national level."

Pathway from FOB ramp to KR Pura platform planned

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the new Foot Over Bridge (FOB) from Krishnarajapuram (KR Puram) Railway Station to KR Pura Metro Station was opened without any fanfare on Saturday, a specific issue poses inconvenience to the public. The down ramp of the bridge stairs touches down inside the railway premises, 100 metres away from Platform 4, throwing up a challenge for passengers with heavy luggage and senior citizens. It has now been decided that Bengaluru Division will create a pathway to help passengers reach the station.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic East), Kuldeep Singh told TNIE, "We met senior officials of Metro and Railways on Tin Factory Main Road and surveyed the area. Our goal is to create an integrated traffic management plan at this critical junction, so the public can commute seamlessly between all modes of transport."

At present, there is enormous congestion and 700 to 800 passengers rush out of the railway station whenever a train arrives, and head to the road, impacting traffic there too. "There will be clear demarcated parking zones for auto and cabs, and other facilities. There is enough space inside the station and everything needs to be streamlined," he said.

He added that both Railways and Metro have been told to come up with detailed sketches of their plans within a couple of days, before a final strategy is chalked out. Bengaluru Divisional Railway Manager Yogesh Mohan said, "As an immediate measure, we will be creating an opening from where the bridge connects to platform 4, so the public can easily reach it. From this platform, other platforms are accessible through the existing FOB. In future, as part of Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, we will replace the connecting bridge with a wider one."

On the opening, a senior Railways official said, "A pathway will be created by removing parking space. Instead of 100 metres, public need only walk 40 metres to reach the platform." The new FOB is 35m long and 8m wide. A Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) official said, "One lift of the FOB on the railway end and some modifications in the concourse area of the Metro station are still getting completed."

Senior divisional commercial manager, Krishna Chaitanya, senior divisional engineer (coordination) Subham Sharma, chief project manager, Gati Shakti, Gul Ashfaque represented the Railways, while Zakir Hussain, chief engineer, represented BMRCL in the meet with police.

The Foot Over Bridge connecting the KR Puram railway station with the KR Pura Metro station was declared open during the weekend | EXPRESS

HANDS ON

To create awareness about farming and biodiversity among urban residents, the University of Agriculture Sciences hosted a 6-km walkathon on Sunday. The 'Our Walk to Agriculture at Gandhi Krishi Vigyana Kendra' event focused on innovative practices in winnowing, nursing techniques, and aquaculture, where participants learnt automated winnowing machines that reduce labour, advanced nursery techniques for higher seedling survival rates, and integrated aquaculture that enhances fish production while recycling nutrients for crop irrigation | EXPRESS

Elders seek jobs for financial security, to stay busy

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

HUNDREDS attended the eighth edition of a job fair for senior citizens, organised by Nightingales Medical Trust on Sunday, seeking employment opportunities to combat loneliness and financial insecurity.

The event attracted around 1,250 elderly individuals struggling to clear debts, fund their children's education and weddings, and manage health expenses. Some were looking for a job as they felt bored at home.

Savitha, 58, told *The New Indian Express*, "Financial dependency is a major issue for many of us. My husband Kumar has health problems. Our two married sons live separately, and we depend on them for our expenses. We need around Rs 5,000 per month for medical expenses, but asking my sons for more money makes them angry." Kumar added, "Living with children makes us happy, but they want us to stay separately."

Bhushan, a retired teacher, said, "This is the time to enjoy retirement with children and grandchildren, but financial burdens and debts don't permit it. My son works with a BPO, earning around Rs 25,000 per month, and his wife works in a garment factory. They have a 5-year-old son who needs a good education. If I work, it can reduce their financial burden and help them clear debt," he said.

Prakash, 61, retired PWD officer, was looking for a part-time job. "I am bored at home and need to keep myself busy," he said. "I can't sit or stand for long periods, but need to stay engaged." Many others felt the same.

A senior citizen at a job fair organised by Nightingales Medical Trust in Bengaluru in Sunday | EXPRESS

Devaraj, a pensioner, cited financial insecurity. "I get Rs 8,000 pension per month, which is not enough to meet household needs," he said. "My son, who lives away, sends money sometimes. My wife is a homemaker, and we have financial burdens. Though I don't have much energy now, I have to meet our expenses."

Joseph, a graphic designer, explained his struggles despite having a job. "I struggle to save enough to meet my family's needs. I have my expenses, my wife and my daughter's marriage. If I had planned and saved, I could have enjoyed retired life," he said, repenting spending money on liquor and parties when he was young.

Premkumar Raja, co-founder of NMT, said, "Senior citizens in rural areas don't face the same level of financial insecurity as in urban areas, as they work in fields and look after cattle. In urban areas, elders face significant financial challenges." Over 55 companies took part in the job fair.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

26TH August: Geminian patterns create a lighter atmosphere. It's a fine moment for finding out facts, exchanging information and witty conversations. The time for action will come later in the week, so get plans and preparations in order for when the time comes.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Please don't wait for others to give you the green light. The Sun is now mixing with a sector of your horoscope responsible for thought and communication, so it's time to get going. Prevaricate no longer, for if you blow this week's opportunity, you might have a long wait until the chance comes around again.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There are significant lunar alignments coming up in a few days' time, an indication that the right moves this week could lead to a very profitable business association in the near future. Expect heartening news by the end of the week, and set your sights on your highest goals.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The Moon is now playing a deeply sociable role. If you need friends, allies and supporters later in the week, now is the time to do the spadework, convincing other people and partners that you are the face of the future! Just one problem though - the facts may be anything but clear.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Let's look at the long-term for a change: special planets together are urging you to make a renewed bid for freedom, re-establishing your personal indepen-dence in all the areas that count. Sheer enthusiasm takes you part of the way, but you'll have to put in the extra hours as well.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Professional schemes should now be under way. You still have a few weeks to discuss plans, cross the t's and dot the i's, but the foundations should now be laid. From this vantage point you should broaden your horizons and contemplate a more fulfilling existence.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Because this week's lunar patterns stimulate lively regions of your chart, your priority will be to be noticed. This is no time to hide behind a poor self-image or a mistaken notion that certain goals are beyond you. The future will be here sooner than you think!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Stick to the rules and conventional methods and you won't go far wrong. You see, whatever your feelings today, the week's planetary configurations run solidly in your favour, and there is little that can go wrong. The Moon, by the way, could help you clear up a mystery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Certain things need to be said and a few home truths delivered, especially now that Mercury is edging towards its confrontational relationship with Pluto. Clear the air now and you'll avert traumas in weeks to come. Not only that, but partners will thank you for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Don't expect instant results or demand that partners fit in with your plans. Imminent lunar patterns are bound to adjust your ideas, so whatever is decided now will be changed by the end of the week. That's why you'll do best to keep your options open and your diary free.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Maximise the feel-good factor. It is clear from this week's stars that the potential is present for a radical boost in your physical well-being. Now is the time to take whatever appropriate action is called for. Rest and relaxation are required!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Powerful lunar movements overshadow your emotions this week. Therefore, don't just sit around day-dreaming about exotic places - do something about it. If family members are waiting to hear from you, don't delay. Get out there and let them know you care.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You have an unfortunate habit of being too self-critical. You may therefore imagine that you have offended people or embarrassed yourself when in fact your behaviour has either gone unnoticed – or, in some cases, it's actually been highly appreciated.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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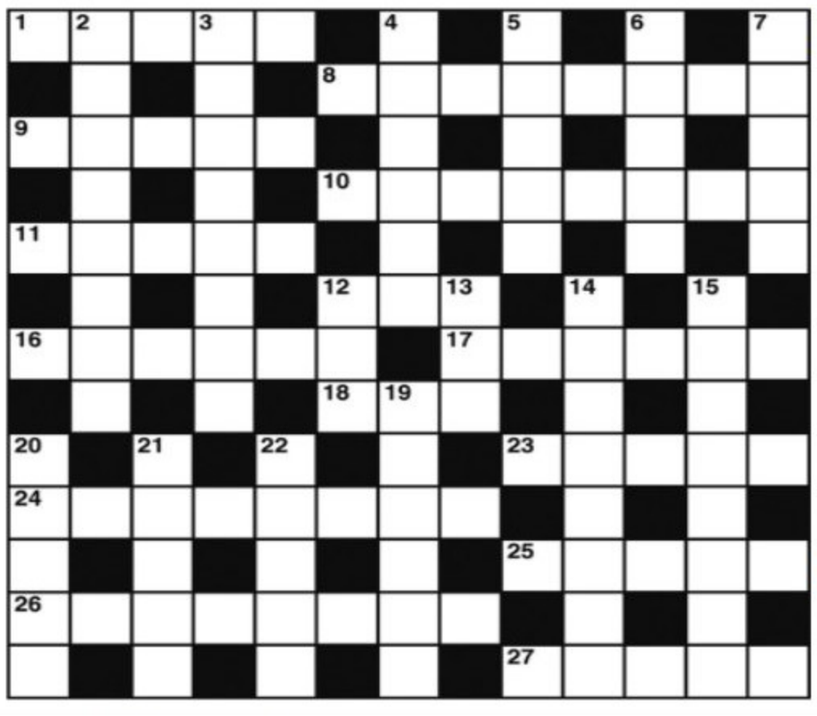
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Fights probably rigged (5)
8 Suggested golf teacher sat for his picture (8)
9 A series of records maybe (5)
10 Prank ceased being funny when father came in (8)
11 A medical man goes on about turning yellow (5)
12 Addition to the family calls for a drink (3)
16 Crush the spirit (6)
17 Is of use when lava is erupting (6)
18 Oval dish (3)
23 Meetings of hands indicate endorsement (5)
24 The rest of the players (4-4)
25 To save is difficult with nothing coming in (5)
26 The place for a job (8)
27 Checks returning symptoms of measles (5)

DOWN

2 Ill-mannered lip comes out in arguments (8)
3 Allowed to get in the way in the game (8)
4 Quickly dispose of the remainder in the river (6)
5 Fish and meat eater (5)
6 Experimental writing (5)
7 Summed up (5)
12 An article in leather (3)
13 Played by children at a loose end? (3)
14 Postal packet that goes overseas (4,4)
15 Approve of gin? Rubbish! (8)
19 Sort of play that sounds rather a risk (6)
20 Form heaps perhaps (5)
21 The ornament is in the hold (5)
22 Situation report (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Commercial, 6 Used, 10 Sushi, 11 Reinforce, 12 Emission, 13 Epees, 15 Indiana, 17 Notable, 19 Blasted, 21 Toddles, 22 Right, 24 Granules, 27 Antidotes, 28 Adieu, 29 Dash, 30 All the same.

Down: 1 Cash, 2 Mass media, 3 Edits, 4 Corsica, 5 Avignon, 7 Serve, 8 Dress sense, 9 Affected, 14 Timberyard, 16 Attitude, 18 Ballerina, 20 Digital, 21 Transit, 23 Gates, 25 Usage, 26 Rule.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

PMETT

MSAEH

TIWNIH

ROFEFT

I was wondering why we weren't hearing him. Looks like it's finally worn out.
I don't even know who fixes these old clocks.
7 1
UNTIL THE MECHANISM FINALLY WORE OUT, THE CUCKOO CLOCK HAD WORKED PERFECTLY ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: BENCH ENACT CUDDLY IMPALA
Answer: The penguins spent their morning and afternoon out of the water and — HAD AN "ICE" day

Dakshina Kannada district police arrested two persons in connection with the brutal murder of a 83-year-old retired teacher in Belthangady. S P Balakrishna Bhat, a resident of Belalu in Belthangady who is a retired teacher, was stabbed and brutally killed on August 20 near his residence

KARKALA INCIDENT

Rape survivor tests positive for narcotics

Primary suspect Altaf says victim consumed a substance from a packet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

SP Dr Arun K stated that in the Karkala kidnap and rape case, the survivor's blood test results have come positive for narcotics.

He, however, said the blood tests of the primary accused Altaf (34) and the second accused Xavier Richard Quadros (35) who allegedly provided the beer bottle, have both tested negative for drugs.

After the discovery of narcotics in the survivor's body, Altaf, who was remanded to four-day police custody on Saturday, allegedly said the survivor had consumed content from a packet found in the car, which has been seized by the police. "This packet has been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for analysis to determine the type of drug and to compare it with the substance found in the survivor's blood sample," the SP said.

A separate case has been registered at the Karkala town police station under sections 8(c) and 22(b) of the NDPS Act, and section 3(5) of the BNS, to investigate the source and procurement of the drug. The police are conducting a complete investigation and are determined to trace the origin of the drug swiftly, the SP said. The survivor is yet to provide a statement before the judge, which will be done in a day or two once she becomes medically fit. The police are committed to conclude the investigation into this sexual assault case as quickly as possible, the SP added.

Spot mahazar conducted by Udupi police

In connection with the rape incident reported from Karkala on Friday, police conducted the spot mahazar on Sunday. They have already arrested Altaf (34), the prime accused and another accused Xavier Richard Quadros (35). The 21 year old survivor was still in the hospital. Sources said that the arrested persons have been sent to police custody for four days. Meanwhile Udupi district-in-charge minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar said that police are investigating the rape case from various angles. "Anybody engaged in the crime will be punished. Police will not spare anyone and take stringent action," she said.

FESTIVE FINERY

Children dress up as Krishna and Radha on Sunday on the eve of Krishna Janmashtami at the Press Club in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

324 booked for D&D cases on Saturday night

Bengaluru: To curb the menace of drunken driving and ensure road safety, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) launched a special drive on Saturday to nab drunken driving offenders and booked 324 vehicles. The police said that the special drive was conducted across the city on Saturday night in order to check drunk driving, which is a major cause of road accidents. Police checked 18,769 vehicles and booked 324 for drunk driving. "Drunken driving is a serious offense that puts innocent lives at risk, and we will not tolerate such reckless behaviour on our roads. Special drives will continue, and offenders will face strict action," the BTP stated.

Shocked mother dies after depressed son hangs self at home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a tragic incident, a 37-year-old cab driver died by suicide by hanging at his residence due to depression and financial stress on Sunday afternoon, after which his 73-year-old mother passed away on hearing the news of her son's death.

The deceased has been identified as Arun Kumar T, a resident of Kaveri Pura in Kamakshipalya.

The police stated that Kumar had debts and was in depression. He hanged himself around 12.30 pm on Sunday at his residence. Kumar left a death note mentioning that he was depressed due to his mother's bad health and debts. His mother Saraswati, who had been bedridden due to a spinal cord problem from last one year, passed away at their residence after hearing the news of her son's death.

Based on a complaint by Arun Kumar's elder brother Kiran Kumar, the Kamakshipalya police have registered a case of unnatural death.

HELPLINE

If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (available 24x7) or Call, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, which is available Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm.

NU Hospital completes 25 yrs

ENS @ Bengaluru

RAJYA Sabha MP Sudha Murthy emphasised the importance of ethical practices in healthcare, during the silver jubilee celebration of NU Trust and NU Hospitals in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Reflecting on her personal connection to the medical field, Sudha Murthy, who is a daughter and sister of doctors, shared that her own sister had been treated at NU Hospital, and praised the medical fraternity for maintaining ethical standards while sensitively treating their patients.

Dr Prasanna Venkatesh, Managing Director of NU Hospitals, stated that NU Hospitals has treated over a million outpatients, performed 55,000 surgeries, and completed 700 kidney transplants. He further mentioned that the hospital has conducted nearly 750,000 dialysis treatments, and trained 42 doctors in its nephrology and urology programs.

Dr Venkatesh Krishnamoorthy, founder and chairman of NU Hospitals, highlighted the hospital's growth from its modest beginnings to becoming a prominent centre for nephrology, urology, and reproductive medicine.

Prison staff may have helped actor: Senior cop

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THE photo and video have surfaced a day after sleuths of the CCB raided the prison and carried out a search on the premises, including barracks, for contraband items, on Saturday. The police, after the search, had maintained that it was a routine search and no significant articles were seized.

A senior police officer said the photo has raised questions as to how Darshan got access to the cigarette and the actor could not have obtained it without the support of the prison staff.

Murder victim Renukaswamy's father Kashinath S Shivanagowdru demanded a probe over preferential treatment to Darshan and punishment for those behind it.

"I doubt if he (Darshan) is in prison. He should be treated like any other prisoner. In the photo, he looks like he is sitting at a resort," Shivanagowdaru said.

BJP MLC N Ravikumar urged Home Minister Dr G Parmeshwara to clarify whether it was a prison or palace. "The actor asking for home food appears to be a stunt to divert attention. It is condemnable that the prison staff has provided chairs, tables, coffee and a cigarette to the murder accused and his associates," he criticised.

In 2017, IPS officer Roopa D Moudgil exposed alleged special privileges provided to VK Shashikala, a close aide of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister late J Jayalalithaa at the Bengaluru Central Prison.

The state government had formed a panel headed by retired IAS officer Vinay Kumar, which found serious lapses on the part of prison officials.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that **My Client Smt. Geetha.S**, D/o Sri. Shanthappa, .D, R/at, SB Girls High School, , Chickmagalur Taluk & District has Lost the Original Letter of Allotment 14.08.2024, near by avenue road Bangalore Letter of Allotment bearing No. KHB/Allotment/ Site/Aa.Vi.Shru.Ha /2011-12 dated:29.07.2011 issued by the KHB in favour of Smt. Geetha. S If any person, has found/got possession of the said instrument may please return the same to my client above mentioned or to the below mentioned office , and in this regard my client has already registered a Complaint with Ulsoor gate Police station. Bangalore dated 23/08/2024 in Lost Report No.1207411/2024, AND the public are hear by informed that any transaction with the above mentioned, shall be deemed to be invalid and not binding on my client

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that Godrej Properties Ltd having its Regional office at Prestige Obelisk, Kasturba Rd, Ambedkar Veedhi, Sampangi Rama Nagara, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001 has lost a Original Sale Deed dated 02.12.1963 registered as Document No. 3239 of 1963-64 in Book I at the office of the Sub Registrar, Hoskote;

Authorised Signatorty of the Company has issued a police complainant dated 23/08/2024 registered as lost report no 1207212/2024 if any one find the same you are requested to contact Mob No 9620722622 and hand over the document. In case of any misuse of the above document the same shall not be construed as binding on Godrej Properties ltd and its right, title interest

Authorised Signatory
Godrej Properties Ltd

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TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.53,36,039/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Thirty Six Thousand and Thirty Nine only)** as on **20-08-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **21-08-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Eshwar Rao, S/o. Late Ranoji Rao, No.13/5, Eshwar Rao Compound, 4th Cross, 8th Mile Circle, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560057. No.2) Mr. Manoj Rao, S/o. Eshwar Rao, No. 13/5, Eshwar Rao Compound, 4th Cross, 8th Mile Circle, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560057. No.3) Mrs. Sushma .G, W/o. Manoj Rao, No.13/5, Eshwar Rao Compound, 4th Cross, 8th Mile Circle, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560057.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Manoj Rao, S/o. Eshwar Rao)

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.12, Khatha No. 38/1B, Old Nagarasabha Division No.17, Now comes under BBMP Limit, PID No.039-W-0261-21-1, Ward No.39, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Bhavani Sawmill, North by : Property belongs to Smt. Leelabai and South by : Property belongs to Hitashree. Measuring : East to West 60 feet, North to South : 27½, Total measuring 1,650 Sq. ft.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,66,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Sixty Six Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Eshwar Rao, S/o. Late Ranoji Rao & Mr. Manoj Rao, S/o. Eshwar Rao)

All the piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of Property bearing No. 7, Khatha No. 256, Present 526, Old Nagarasabha Division No.17, Now comes under BBMP Limit, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Smt. Venkamma, North by : Remaining Portion of same Property and South by : Property belongs to Sri. Rangaswamy. Measuring : East to West - 80 feet, North to South - 35.6 feet, Total measuring 2,848 Sq. ft.

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mr. Manoj Rao, S/o. Eshwar Rao)

All the piece and parcel of the Northern portion of Property bearing No. 7, Khatha No. 256, Old Nagarasabha Division No.17, Now comes under BBMP Limit, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Venkamma, North by : Property belongs to Smt. Kamalamma and South by : Remaining portion of same Property. Measuring : East to West - 80 feet, North to South - 35.5 feet, Total measuring 2,840 Sq. ft.

Reserve Price : Rs.6,10,00,000/-
(Rupees Six Crore Ten Lakh only) (For Schedule B & C)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
04-10-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Peenya Branch, Door No.252, Sureka Complex, 100 Feet Road (Near Jalahalli Cross), Peenya, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560057. Telephone No.080-28393225, Cell No.9343239877.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bangaluru Peenya Branch, Door No.252, Sureka Complex, 100 Feet Road (Near Jalahalli Cross), Peenya, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560057. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-28393225, Cell No.9343239877. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 23-08-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.
The Borrower in particular and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,
The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
Mr. Ravi Hampapura Puttegowda Loan Account No. 411900016227 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 20/08/2024	16/09/2023	Rs.2220015.00 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Twenty Thousand And Fifteen Only)	Schedule Properties : All that piece and parcel of Residential Plot bearing No.410, in a layout known as "Signature Tulips", formed out of Sy No.17, situated at Huskur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Converted vide official memorandum bearing No. ALN(E)VB/SR.209/2004-05, dated 22.09.2005, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and the Layout Plan is duly approved by the Joint Director & Member Secretary, Hoskote Planning Authority, Hoskote, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2400Sq. Feet and bounded on: East by : Site No.380, West by : Road, North by: Site No.411, South by : Site No.409.
Mr. Smruti Ranjan Bhuyan Loan Account No. 410200007687 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 20/08/2024	29/09/2023	Rs.3037129.00 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine Only)	Schedule Of Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.46, bearing E-Khata No.150200401601221149, Khata/Assessment No.801/46/61,situated in the layout known as JR Elite formed in converted Survey No.61, Huskur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, formerly Bangalore south Taluk and Hosakote Taluka, duly converted non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order no. ALN (EBK) SR/ 10/17-18, dated 08.03.2018, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, and measuring East to West 49.75 feet on the Northern side and 49.25 feet on the southern side North to South 30 feet In total measuring 137.96 square meters (1485 square feet), together with all rights, appurtenances in whatsoever manner whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: Private property West by: Road North by: Site No.45, South by: Site No.47.
Mr Rajanna Kothur Loan Account No. 410400009900 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 20/08/2024	02/12/2022	Rs.12511487.00 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Seven Only)	Schedule Of Property : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being vacant residential Plot /Site No.11, Hoskote Municipal Khatha No.13425/1051/150/1/11 and P.I.D No.46-1018-159, in the layout (named and known as NISARGA HI-TECH Phase-II layout formed in the land converted for non-agricultural residential use [vide official memorandum No. ALN (H).SR.77/2009-10, Dated: 03-10-2009 issued by the Deputy commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District] in survey no.150/1 situated in Kannurahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk,Bengaluru Rural District with approval from the Hosakote planning Authority and measuring to an extent East to West : 1.7m+1.7m/2*13.72m+13.72m/2 and North to South : 21.8m+16.60m/2*0m + 13.72m/2(137.00 Sqmt) Situated at Kannurahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Town, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on: East by : Site No. 36 & 37 West by : Road North by : Road South by : Site No.12
Ms. Renuka J N & Mr. Shivaraja L K Loan Account No. 410100009388 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 20/08/2024	18/03/2024	Rs.3898853.00 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Three Only)	Schedule Of Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.48, formed out of converted land bearing Sy.No.14, portion of V P Khata No.561/14, PID NO.150200203500400382, (duly got converted land measuring 4 Acre 35 Guntas excluding 8 Guntas of Kharab in Sy.No.14 V P Khata No.561/14 from Agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide order No.ALN(NY)SR/242/2014-15, dated 13-06-2016), situated in the layout known as 'Kempegowda Enclave", at Shyamarajapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and measuring East to West: 57 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring 1710 Sq.feet and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Site No.49, South by: Site No.47.
Ms. Kavitha & Mr. Raghavendra Vasudev Rao Loan Account No. 411900016429 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 21/08/2024	21/09/2023	Rs. 3463483.00 (RUpees Thirty Four Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred And Eighty Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.134, situated at 2nd Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore – 560020 totally measuring 2100 Sq.Ft. and bounded by: East by : No. 134/1, (S G Garudaranga Setty) West by : 2nd Main Road, North by : Site No. 133, (Appaiah Hanumaiah property) South by: Site No. 135 (Ramaiah). SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : Undivided share, right, title and interest In the immovable property in the schedule 'A' property mentioned herein above measuring 130 Sq.ft. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Apartment No. 134-FF1, located in the first floor, front portion property no. 134, PID No. 26-67-134 of the 'Narasimha Residency' constructed on the property described in the 'A' schedule. The apartment consist of One living / cum Dining Room, 2 Bed Rooms one with attached Bathroom and One Common Bath Room, Kitchen and balconies surrounding the apartment measuring a super built up area of 920 Sq.ft. equipped with vitrified flooring sanitary, wooden wardrobes in the all the 2 bedrooms, kitchen cabinet and 3-Phase power supply. Additional common amenities, Lift, Cauvery Water connection, Generator for power backup & Transformer & water supply from bore well and from Cauvery water connection and one covered Car Parking.
Mr. Vasanth Kumar A Loan Account No. 410500003182 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 21/08/2024	22/05/2024	Rs.1161666.00 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six Only)	Schedule Property : : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing residential Site No. 16 (Eastern Side) formed in converted Sy No. 207/1, duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS/ALN(S)SR(K.T)31/2004-05, Dated 6.06.2004, BBMP Khata No. 56/4294/207/1a, Bande Matt, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore south taluk measuring East to west 20 feet and North to South 25 feet, total measuring 500 Sq.ft., and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Site No. 16 (western part) North by : Site No. 15, South by : Road.
Ms. Usha M & Mr. Prakash H Loan Account No. 410100009692 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 21/08/2024	24/01/2024	Rs.6613509.00 (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Nine Only)	Description of the property : Schedule 'A' Property Referred To Above : (Total Sital Area) : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.2/4, BBMP Khatha No.319/536-2/4, formed out of converted land in Sy.No.2/4 from agricultural purpose to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Official memorandum No.A.L.N S.U)S.R:19/2008-09, dated 04/12/2008, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Doddakallsandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to west: 80 ft., and North to South: (165+160)/2, in all measuring an extent of 13000 sq.ft., and bounded on the: East by: Property of M N Gosakan, West by: Temple and Road, North by: Property of Rajashekar, South by: Survey No.2/4. Schedule 'B' Property Referred To Above : 225 Sq.ft., of undivided share, right, title and interest of the land in the Schedule 'A' Property conveyed to the Purchaser herein. Schedule 'C' Property Referred To Above : : Flat bearing No.SF-203 in the Second Floor, in the Apartment Building known as PEEPAL TREE constructed on Schedule 'A' Property together with Super built up area of 1050 Sq.ft., consisting of Two Bedrooms, Living, Kitchen, Bathroom and Toilet, etc., including One Car Parking Space,, with all common amenities and services in the common area on the land described in Schedule 'A' Property.
Ms Aishwarya Chilkuru, Mr. Rakesh Dwarakanath Tata & Mr. Vijaya Bangaru Loan Account No. 410100010958 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 21/08/2024	22/09/2023	Rs.5399490.00 (Rupees fifty three lakh ninety nine thousand and four hundred ninety only)	Schedule 'A' property : (Description of the entire property) : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sites bearing No. 6 & 7, Khata No. 161, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, New BBMP Khata No. 419/721/1/6 & 7/50/1/B, being portion of Property Sy No. 50/1B, situated at Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, in BBMP ward No.197, Bangalore, measuring East to West on Northern Side 110 feet, East to West on Southern Side 105 feet and North to South 100 feet, in all measuring 10750 Sq.feet, and bounded on: East by: Chikka Aswath's Property, West by :30 feet Road, North by:Site No. 5, South by:Site No. 8 Schedule 'B property : (Description of the undivided interest in the land herein) 303 Sq. Feet of Undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprising in Schedule 'A' Property Schedule 'C' property : (Property herein conveyed) Three Bedrooms residential of Apartment/Flat bearing Unit No. 305, in the 3rd Floor, in the residential apartment building known as 'SHREE SAI PALACE' , with super built up area of 1425 Sq.ft. having vitrified tiles flooring, including one covered Car parking in the stilt floor, water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with all the rights in common area such as passages, lobbies lifts, staircase anf other area of common use and bounded on: East by :Corridor & Flat No. 304 West by: Open to Sky North by: Flat No. 306, South by: Open to Sky.
Mr. S Mohan & Ms. Anitha Bai N Loan Account No. 410100013255 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 21/08/2024	25/09/2023	Rs.5393367.00 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred And Sixty Seven Only)	Schedule 'A' property : (Description of th Entire Property) : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No: 406, Residential Layout formed by the Department of Health and Family Welfare Services and Medical Education Employees House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., in various Survey numbers at Srigandhadakavalu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Limits, Municipal No. 406, Katha No.: 406/356/404, Annapoorneswarinagar, Health Layout, Jnanabharathi Ward No: 129, P.I.D No. 129-W0263-14, Srigandhadakavalu, Nagharbhavi, Bangalore and the said schedule Property measuring East to West: 60-0 feet, North to South: 40-0 feet totally, measuring 2400 Sq.ft., and bounded by: East by : Site No. 416, West by : 40-0 feet Road, North by : Site No. 405, South by: Site No. 407. Schedule 'B' property : (Description of the undivided share sold to the purchaser) : 300 Sq. ft. undivided right, title and ownership in the Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule 'C' property : (Description of the property hereby sold to the purchaser): All the part and the parcel of the residential Two Bedroom apartment bearing Flat No. 302, on the Second Floor, of the building known as 'NANDI ENCLAVE', constructed on the Schedule 'A' property with super built up area of 1175 Sq.Ft., with walls built of Cement blocks using Granite Tile Flooring and R.C.C Roofing with all basic & Civic amenities and inclusive of proportionate share in common area's such as Lobbies, Staircases, and other common areas of use and car parking space.
Mr. Anantha Raju S N & Ms. Jayamala N T Loan Account No. 410700004154 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 21/08/2024	22/09/2023	Rs.4610132.00 (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Ten Thousand And One Hundred Thirty Two Only)	Schedule property : All that piece and parcel of the Property in Eastern Portion of Site No. 61, formed out of in Sy. No. 11/1A,Katha No. 18, Presently comes under Jurisdiction of BBMP, BBMP Katha No. 43, situated at 3rd cross, Byraweshwar Nagar, Srigandadakavalu Village, Yeshawanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and site measuring East to West: 24 feet and North to South: 30 feet total measuring 720 Sq.ft., and bounded on: East by : Private property West by : Road and remaining portion of the property North by : Site No. 60, South by : Site No. 62

Place: Bangalore

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Thousands of ancient historical sites across Karnataka remain dilapidated due to a lack of concern for preserving heritage and are in danger of being lost

WHEN OUR SENSE OF HISTORY FAILS MONUMENTS

ASHWINI M SRIPAD

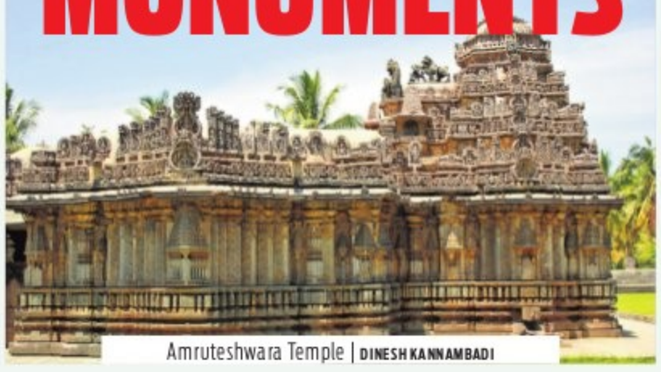
KARNATAKA has the second highest number of protected monuments in the country. Apart from the famed and much-visited monuments in Belur, Halebid and Hampi, hundreds of structures built by rulers, from the Chalukyas to Hoysalas and the Vijayanagar empire, need attention.

Encroachment, a lack of historical sense and shortage of experts to preserve monuments are some of the reasons for their pathetic state. As per a recent ASI circular, there are more than 1,400 court cases across the country involving encroachment, land acquisition and other issues. Historian Suresh Moona says there is no sense of history and heritage among people and even the bureaucracy. "There is no sense of passing on historical heritage to the next generation. Monuments come under the Archeological Survey of India (ASI), the state ASI and some are under the local body. Each blames the others," he says.

Social media users have thrown a fresh focus on monuments, sharing thousands of photographs featuring heritage structures, often with misleading details and facts. "One of the main reasons for spreading such fake information is lack of availability of information boards about ASI protected monuments," Moona said. 'One State, Many Worlds' goes the logo of the Karnataka State Tourism Department Corporation (KSTDC), in a befitting tribute to the state's rich history. Unfortunately, Tourism Minister HK Patil's constituency Gadag itself has ancient temples crying for attention. The Trikuteshwara Temple in Gadag is one among over 50 temples built by the Western Chalukyas, who ruled this region from 1050 to 1200 CE. This temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva, where three Shiva lingas are mounted on the same stone, with each linga representing Brahma, Vishnu and Maheshwara. Due to a lack of maintenance, plants are growing all over the beautifully carved temple.

This temple complex also houses Saraswathi Temple, where the idol has been vandalised. There is a kalyani in the premises, and just a few metres away is the Someshwara Swamy Temple, built during the same period. It is amid a residential locality, and next to the temple is an open sewage drain. Contrast this with Lakkundi, where the Jain temples and stepwell are neatly maintained.

Hassan district has 20 ASI protected monuments and one protected inscription, including the Chennakeshava Temple in Belur, Hoysaleshwara and Kedareshwara temples in Halebid, the 57-ft Gomateshwara statue and Manjarabad Fort in Sakleshpur. All the temples here were constructed between the 12th and 13th centuries. The temples were built by the Hoysala and Ganga dynasty kings, include Vishnuvardhana and Veera Ballala II. The tourism department has not provided basic amenities, in spite of multiple memorandums being submitted by tourist guides, temple development committees and locals.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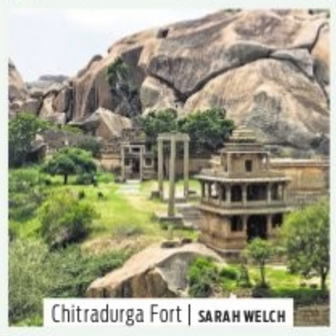
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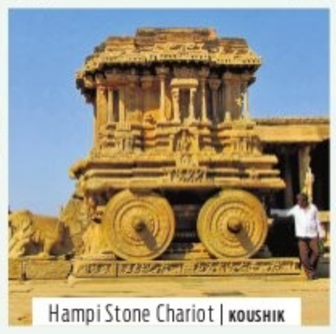
Hampi Stone Chariot | KOUSHIK

Court battles rage over forts

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At present, there are about 150 ASI monuments in Kalaburagi, including Gulbarga Fort and Haft Gumbaz. Noted historian Shambhuling S Vani said though there were monuments inside the fort earlier, now only the world famous Jamia Masjid and Ranamandala have remained. Jamia Masjid was built during the reign of Mohammad Shah I in the year 1367. Most of the monuments here are encroached, and the encroachers who have constructed houses and shops, have gone to court against their eviction, said Shambhuling. The Haft Gumbaz, known as Saar Gumbaz, is also encroached.

Haleri kingdom ruler Mudu Raja built Madikeri Fort in the 17th century, and a palace inside the Fort, which was rebuilt by Tipu Sultan during the 18th century. The Fort was considered a protected monument by ASI in 1920 (during British rule). However, it was later withdrawn after government offices in the district shifted to the Fort premises in 1924. From 1924 till 2019-20, the Fort housed government offices and District Court.

A PIL filed in 2017 by resident Virupakshaiah enabled protection of the Fort. The High Court ordered that the Fort be handed over to the Archeological department, and Rs 10.70 crore was released for its renovation. The renovation process has neared completion even as a proposal to include the monument under the protected monument category of ASI has been forwarded to the Centre.

Sites not recognised by ASI

In Udupi district, the Anantha Padmanabha Temple, and Chaturmukha Basadi and Gomateshwara Statue in Karkala, are just a few of the monuments constructed between the 12th and 15th centuries. Prof T Murugesh, retired professor, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, said some of the sites and monuments in the district are not recognised by ASI as important, including the rock art sites or Megalithic Dolmen tombs (800BC) which are now facing threat of extinction.

The focus should be on a very important medieval town, Barkur, but there is no protection for sculptures, inscriptions and monuments there, he said. Rock art sites here are of the Neolithic age. The one at Gavali is from 1800 BC, another at Buddana Jeddu also dates to 1800 BC. The rock art site of Avalakki Pare is even older, dating back to 6000 BC to 10000 BC. Yet, there is no protection.

Mangaladevi temple in Mangaluru was built in the 9th century by King Kundavarma of the Alupa dynasty, guided by sage Matsyendranath. Local folklore has it that the sage found the goddess in the area and told the king to build a temple for her. This temple not only serves as a major religious site but also gave Mangaluru its name, which comes from 'Mangala', the goddess it honours. The temple showcases traditional Kerala architecture, featuring a sloping roof, a square sanctum, and a large courtyard.

Sulthan Bathery is a historic fort in Boloor, Mangaluru, built in 1784 by Tipu Sultan. The fort was said to have been built to prevent British warships from entering the river. Today, its stone walls are crumbling with the growth of moss and lichen, and has few basic amenities.

Wealth of knowledge

The Chitradurga Fort was built in stages between the 11th and 13th centuries by the Chalukyas and Hoysalas, and later the Nayakas of the Vijayanagar Empire. The Nayakas of Chitradurga, or Palegar Nayakas, were responsible for the expansion of the fort between the 15th to 18th centuries. The fort was taken over for a short while by Hyder Ali in 1779, and captured by British forces 20 years later, when they defeated his son, Tipu Sultan. The fort is built in a series of seven concentric fortification walls with various passages, a citadel, warehouses for grains and oil, water reservoirs and ancient temples. The fort has many interconnecting tanks that were used to harvest rainwater.

ASI is now planning to set up a sound and light show about the history of the fort. The Brahmagiri inscription and other monuments in the surroundings are in a dilapidated state, rainwater leaks on to the monument and spoiling the inscription. Dharwad district has six monuments, including Chandramauleshwara temple, Basavanna Deva temple, Fort gates and Sri Amruteshwara Temple; the temples were built between 11th and 12th centuries and are known for their carvings, while the fort doors were built in 1403 CE using lime mortar and hard wood. The Chandramauleshvar temple is surrounded by residential areas and tourists have to park their vehicles far from the site.

Kamal Basadi, a magnificent Jain temple, is an ASI protected monument in Belagavi that stands as a testament to the rich cultural heritage of India. Swatee Jog, co-convener, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (Intach), Belagavi chapter, informed that the temple's construction dates back to 1204. It was built by Bicchi Raja, a general in the court of Ratta King Kartavirya IV as a place of worship for the Jain community. It has been an important religious centre for centuries. An idol of Bhagwan Neminath, a Jain Tirthankar, is found seated on a stone pedestal inside the sanctum and is worshipped even today.

Publicity needed here

The Amruteshwara Temple at Amrutapura in Chikkamagaluru was constructed by Amruteshwara, who served as a general of Hoysala ruler Veera Ballala II in 1196AD. It is well maintained but needs publicity.

Kavaledurga, an ancient monument situated in the forest area of the Western Ghats in Hosanagara taluk in Shivamogga, poses a challenge for visitors and trekkers to move around. The original fort of Kavaledurga was built in the 9th century, and later renovated and extended by King Cheluva Rangappa of Belagutti in the 14th century. Its marvellous architecture was again renovated in the 16th century by Keladi ruler Hiriya Venkatappa Nayaka, who added seven battlements to protect the fort and renamed it Bhuvanagiri Fort.

The fort was named Kavaledurga because it is situated near the village of Kauli. It was captured by Hyder Ali in the 18th century, and he left his soldiers, Kavalugararu, to protect the fort from enemies. Inside this fort, three temples still exist -- Kashi Vishwanath temple, Sri Lakshmi Narayana Temple and Shikareshwara Temple. ASI maintains the area but it needs basic amenities.

The stone chariot monument located in Vijaya Vittala temple was built by King Krishnadevaraya of the Vijayanagara Empire during the 16th century. The monument was born from his fascination for the Konark Sun Temple chariot, while fighting a battle in Odisha. The stone chariot monument design was inspired by the Dravidian style of architecture. It is a major attraction for tourists who visit Hampi. After tourists tried to touch the monument, the ASI protected the monument with wooden barricades. CCTV cameras and security personnel look after the security of the monument 24x7. It is well-maintained with newly constructed toilets, drinking water units and restaurants. An area of 2km radius around the monument is a non-vibration zone, with only electric buggies operated by ASI.

(Inputs from BR Udaya Kumar/ Hassan, Ramakrishna Badseshi/Kalaburagi, Akash Biswas/ Mangaluru, Prakash Samaga/ Udupi, G Subhash Chandra/ Chitradurga, Mallikarjun Hiremath/ Dharwad, Tushar A Majukar/ Belagavi, B Thipperudrappa/ Chikkamagaluru, Ramachandra Gunari/ Shivamogga, Kiran Balannanavar/ Ballari)

Karkala Gomateshwara | SUBHASHISH PANIGRAHI

Power transfer: Siddu tries to protect himself from rivals

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WITH the Congress high command trying hard to ensure a smooth change of guard, which may happen sooner or later, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is moving pawns to protect himself from his adversaries.

The state could see a major change if the Karnataka High Court's decision on August 29 goes against Siddaramaiah, sources said. He is now garnering support from backward classes and SC/ST communities. On Sunday, a group of seers, led by Kuruba community's Sri Niranjananandapuri Swamiji, met him and expressed their solidarity with him.

Political observers pointed out that former CM BS Yediyurappa, who had to relinquish his post, too was in a similar situation and had been backed by religious leaders. "But the Congress high command, unlike the BJP top leadership, may not bring down Siddaramaiah suddenly, but ensure a smooth transfer of power, if it is required," said a Congress leader. On Tuesday, members of the Shoshita Samudayagala Okkuta (forum for the downtrodden) are planning a big protest at Freedom Park before a march to Raj Bhavan. "It will be like another Siddaramotsava event, which was held ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections in Davanagere. We will throw our weight behind Siddaramaiah again," said Okkuta leader Ramachandrappa.

"There are no differences within Congress and no leaders have thrown their hats into the ring to become CM as the post is not vacant," said Social Welfare Ninister HC Mahadevappa on Sunday.

Siddaramaiah's staunch supporters allege that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's sanction to prosecute the CM is illegal and politically motivated. They feel that Siddaramaiah should not resign even if the HC order goes against him and an FIR is filed to probe the MUDA case. But the Congress high command is open to all options, including helping Siddaramaiah move the Supreme Court or asking him to quit, sources said. It has advised Siddaramaiah not to take any decision that could adversely impact the party, they added.

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge told Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, who met them on Friday in New Delhi, that protests should be held across the state against the governor. It is said that the high command is moving cautiously as the Assembly polls for Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana have been announced, while Maharashtra and Jharkhand are next in line. The party does not want to dislodge its CM, but wants to harpon the point that BJP is trying to bring down a democratically elected government in Karnataka,

How did Kharge kin get land under quota: MP

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BJP Rajya Sabha member Lahar Singh Siroya on Sunday alleged that AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and his family were allotted 5 acres of land by the KIADB in the aerospace entrepreneurs quota in Karnataka.

"When did the AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge family become aerospace entrepreneurs to be eligible for KIADB land? Is this about misuse of power, nepotism, and conflict of interest," he questioned through a letter released on social media tagging the Prime Minister's Office and the Home Minister.

"How did Industries Minister MB Patil give his consent to the allocation in March 2024? The matter of this alleged illegal allocation has also reached the Governor's Office through an RTI activist," he informed.

Siroya sought a probe with regard to the said land allocation. Meanwhile, he asked if the Kharge family would give up the land like Chief Minister Siddaramaiah did with the controversial sites allotted by MUDA.

Citing a news report, he alleged that Siddhartha Vihara Trust run by the Kharge family, has been allocated 5 acres of Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) land. "It was out of the total 45.94 acres meant for civic amenities, under the SC quota, in the Hitech Defence Aerospace Park near Bengaluru," he pointed out.

Gandhians must raise voice against BNS as it curtails satyagraha: Patil

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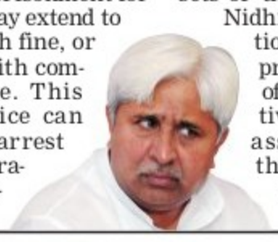
LAW and Parliamentary Affairs Minister **HK Patil** here on Sunday gave a call to Gandhians across the country to raise their voice against Section 226 of the Bharatiya Nyay Samhita as it curtails the right to stage 'satyagraha' (hunger strike) preached by Mahatma Gandhi.

"Whoever attempts to commit suicide with the intent to compel or restrain any public servant from discharging his official duty shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both, or with community service. This means the police can straight away arrest those on satyagraha," he said, delivering his address at the two-day international seminar on 'Gandhi for the 21st century', organised by the Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi, Karnataka at Gandhi Bhavan.

"The Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi and Gandhians who believe in satyagraha should have raised their voice against the new law. But unfortunately, except for the Karnataka government, no voices were heard. How can you accept a law that suppresses the satyagraha," he asked.

He suggested bringing in special laws to protect the assets of the Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi and related institutions, like the laws to protect the properties of wakfs and cooperative institutions. The assets are facing the threat from land grabbers across the country, he alleged. Gandhi's great grandson Tushar Gandhi, on Friday, had alleged that there is a landgrabbers' threat even to the Sabarmati Ashram in Gujarat. On the ST development corporation scam, he said politicians alone cannot be blamed for corruption as bureaucrats illegally transferred money from the government's account to private accounts.

Former Karnataka Lokayukta Justice N Santhosh Hegde, delivering the valedictory address, said the country has been wracked by corruption and listed scams since the 1980s, including the import of jeeps from Great Britain, Bofors, Commonwealth Games, 2G and Rafale deal. He felt there is a mad rush for money and power in society and the remedy is to impart values among children at home.



OFFICIAL: CAN'T PUSH KPSC EXAM, SOME ASPIRANTS SPREADING FALSE INFO

BENGALURU: Even as BJP members and some aspirants are staging a protest demanding the state government to postpone the KPSC examination for gazetted probationers, the authorities have clarified that they cannot do it. Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, LK Atheeq, issued a press statement that a small group of KAS aspirants is lobbying for deferring of the gazetted probationers examination scheduled for Tuesday. "In this effort, they are resorting to all sorts of pressure tactics. They are spreading a lot misinformation and trying to give an impression that there is a scam," he alleged. Atheeq explained that the KPSC had issued a notification in February this year, where they fixed the prelims on May 5, but it was postponed due to Lok Sabha polls. It was postponed to July 7, but again pushed as the UPSC exams were also scheduled on the same day. Meanwhile, the government, in an order on June 21, decided to provide an additional attempt to 2017-18 candidates, due to which, the date of the prelims was postponed to August 25. Around 1,560 candidates of the 2017-18 batch had applied for the exams by July 21, which was the last date to do so. . "On August 3, the CM announced August 25 as the new date for the prelims. Two days later on August 5, the KPSC decided to delay the exam by two more days to August 27, as no other exam was scheduled on that day. The exam is being held on a working day, since no other free Sunday is available for the next two months. " he added. Atheeq explained that if the exams are postponed, about 1500 students (the number of people who applied late after age relaxation was given), who got an extra chance and age relaxation, then over 2.5 lakh applicants will be put to hardship and will face injustice. They are all prepared, booked their tickets to examination centres and ready.A lot of preparation goes into a conducting an exam for over 2.5 lakh students. About 4-5 crores is spent on printing the papers. Postponement by 2 months means the printed papers should be destroyed and new papers should be printed. The papers can not be kept for such a long time as there is risk of paper leak" he said. **ENS**

Kerala govt forms SIT to probe film industry

4 women officers on board, team not to register cases sou motu, but wait for plaints

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UNDER fire for its inaction on the Justice Hema Committee's findings revealing the sexual harassment and exploitation prevailing in the Malayalam film industry, the state government has finally put its foot down and formed a special police investigation team to probe the charges.

The seven-member team headed by South Zone IG G Sparjan Kumar has four women IPS officers on board. The other members of the team are Thiruvananthapuram Range DIG S Ajeetha Begum, Crime Branch S P Merin Joseph, Coastal Police AIG G Poonkuzhali, Kerala Police Academy Assistant Director Aishwarya Dongre, AIG Law and Order Ajith V and Crime Branch SP S Madhusoodanan. Crime Branch head ADGP H Venkatesh will monitor the proceedings.

The decision to form the special team was taken during a meeting of senior police officers convened by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Sunday. The state government had so far maintained that it is open to probing the allegations if the survivors are ready to file complaints. This stance was flayed by the Opposition parties as well as legal experts, who felt the government can set the legal ball rolling by registering FIRs suo motu and defacto complainants were required only during the later stage of the legal procedure. However, the massive uproar against the government's inaction and the legal opinion it got prompted the government to constitute a special team to probe the allegations.

Sources said the special team will not register FIRs suo motu, but would rather register cases based on complaints they receive from the aggrieved persons.

The formation of the SIT, sources added, was to encourage the victims to come forward and file their complaints. "You need a defacto complainant to take the case forward. So, one of the purposes behind the constitution of the probe team is to motivate the victims to officially lodge complaints," said a source.

Ranjith, Siddique resign

Ranjith

Siddique

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ROCKED by the Justice Hema Committee report, the Malayalam film industry was pushed further into a corner on Sunday with two industry heavyweights quitting their respective posts following accusations of sexual harassment and misbehaviour by female actors.

Filmmaker Ranjith, who was accused of misconduct by Bengali actor Sreelekha Mitra, resigned as chairman of the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, while veteran actor Siddique quit his post as general secretary of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA) after actor Revathy Sampath accused him of sexually assaulting her in 2019.

Meanwhile, two women from the film industry who had raised allegations of misconduct and sexual harassment against actors Mukesh and Alencier in the past, came out in the open again, joining several female actors who have gone public about disturbing experiences they have faced in the industry.

Announcing his decision to resign, Ranjith, in a voice clip released to the media, termed the allegation by Sreelekha Mitra as part of a vicious plan by a "group of people" against him ever since he assumed the position as chairman of the Chalachitra Academy in January 2022.

Special laddoos being prepared as part of Laddothsava at Sri Krishna Mutt in Udupi on Sunday | EXPRESS

Krishna Mutt prepares 3L laddoos for Janmashtami today

Udupi: The temple city of Udupi is all set to celebrate Sri Krishna Janmashtami on Monday and Vitla Pindi on Tuesday. A whopping three lakh 'unde' and 1.25 lakh 'chakkulis' were prepared at the Krishna Mutt, and it will be distributed to the devotees. As many as 13 wooden 'gopuras' have been erected at different places on the car street, below which the chariot will move. Earthen pots containing milk and curd would be hung from these 'gopuras.' As the festivities culminate with Vitla Pindi, the signature event of Gopalakas breaking the pots of curds will be held. "Krishna Mutt's kitchen is bustling with activities, and as many as 25 chefs are working tirelessly for the last two days to prepare the chakkuli and unde" said Paryaya Puthige Mutt's Mahithosh Acharya. The festivities will commence on Monday with the Janmashtami Dolotsava, Muddu Krishna competition, and various cultural events. **ENS**

Officials fix the damaged crest gates of Malavi reservoir | EXPRESS

Officials plug Malavi dam as crest gates give way

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Hosapete

NEARLY a fortnight after one of the crest gates of the Tungabhadra dam collapsed, leading to a major flood scare, a similar incident was reported at a reservoir in Vijayanagara district. On August 23, two crest gates of the Malavi reservoir gave way, leading to outflow of water downstream.

Acting swiftly, engineers from the Tungabhadra Dam Board rushed to the dam and repaired the damaged crest gates in a day.

The Malavi dam, located in Hagaribommanahalli taluk of Vijayanagara district, was constructed in 1972. It is a major source of water for irrigation in the taluk and also for the Tungabhadra dam. Over the last few years, farmers have been requesting that the administration rennovate the crest gates. The dam has 10 crest gates with water storage of 2 tmcft.

Somashekar Nayak of Hagaribommanahalli said over the last few years, they submitted many memoranda to the state government and the Vijayanagara district administration to carry out repairs of the crest gates, but in vain.

A senior official said, "Presently, there is no water outflow from the crest gates. A report was sent to the state government."

Inspired by Krishna, Arjuna: Revanth on demolitions

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STATING categorically that he would not succumb to pressure and will continue to take strict action against the illegal structures constructed in the full tank level (FTL) of lakes, Chief Minister **A Revanth Reddy** said that he took inspiration from the Bhagavad Gita to order the demolishing of illegal structures.

Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in Kokapet on Sunday, the CM noted that the government was firm in its resolve to remove encroachments on lakes and government lands. He said that several rich individuals constructed structures within the FTL and diverted the drainage water to Gandipet and other lakes which supply drinking water to Hyderabad. "If I do not take any action, it will be construed that I have failed as a people's representative. That is why I formed the HYDRAA and took action despite several pressures," Revanth said.

Speaking about the Gita, the chief minister said that during the Kurukshetra war, Arjuna dropped his weapons and refused to fight in the battle as he was unwilling to kill his brethren for the sake of ruling the kingdom. At that time, Krishna encouraged Arjuna to participate in the battle to protect Dharma, he added. "Krishna and Arjuna protected the Dharma. The Dharma protected us later.

Taking inspiration from the Gita, I am demolishing the illegal structures to protect natural resources," Revanth Reddy said, stressing on the need to protect nature. He also noted that Nizams developed Hyderabad as a Lake City hundred years ago. "Some farmhouses have been built for the sake of luxury in the vicinity of those lakes and ponds which quenched the thirst of crores of people," he added, pointing out that waste water from farmhouses is being discharged into Gandipet lake and Himayatsagar, which provide drinking water to Hyderabad.

"As elected representatives, we should not neglect and spare such things. This is the reason the government started protecting lakes from encroachments through HYDRAA," the CM said.

One dead in 10-vehicle pileup

KRISHNAGIRI: One person died and nine suffered injuries in a 10-vehicle pileup near Berandapalli along the Hosur-Krishnagiri road on Sunday. According to sources, a granite lorry was on its way to Krishnagiri when the driver suddenly applied the brake, leading to multiple vehicles trailing the lorry crashing against one another. **ENS**

Less than 200 GIBs in the wild today

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"TODAY, less than 200 GIBs exist in the wild in India. While the majority of them are breeding in Rajasthan, few individuals can be sighted in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Karnataka has the least number of birds. Till two decades ago, they were found in five districts of Karnataka. But now they are restricted just to Siruguppa.

Six months ago, we had counted six birds. It's possible that the remaining four could have migrated to Andhra Pradesh. It's important to monitor their flight preferences and habitats in Siruguppa. We have requested the government to give permission to GPS-tag these birds," said a senior forest official.

The state government has agreed to release Rs 24 crore for GIB conservation. Of that, Rs 6 crore has been allocated in the first phase under the District Mineral Funds and Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Funds to take up the construction of GIB Research Centre in Siruguppa and conduct experiments like GPS tagging and artificial breeding of GIBs.

An expert team led by Ballari Deputy Conservator of Forests Sandip Suryavanshi visited the Desert National Park in Rajasthan recently to study the possibility of saving the last batch of GIBs in Karnataka. Experts from Dehradun are expected to work closely with the Karnataka forest department.

"We have involved the local communities, farmers and schoolchildren in Ballari district to bring about awareness. Our constant efforts have brought down poaching of these birds," he added.

An expert team of forest officials from Ballari visited Rajasthan recently

Adult flies may develop kidney stones in space

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USING fruit flies also has other advantages, like their short lifecycle and low cost. The malpighian tubules or the main excretory organs of the inset closely mimic the human kidney in genetic composition, function, and structure, making it an excellent model for studying and quantifying kidney stone formation, Hosamani said.

"The adult flies are expected to develop kidney stones in space. Upon their return to Earth, we will dissect the malpighian tubules for further analysis in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) team," he added. "We will feed fruit flies with sodium oxalate (NaOx), ethyle glycol (EG) and hydroxy L proline (HLP), and within 3-4 days flies will develop kidney stones," he said.

The preparatory work has been going on for the last two years. A special kit to keep the flies in space is being developed by IIST, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Gaganyaan mission by the ISRO will send a crewed spacecraft into the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) of 400km altitude.

50 women helped Akkatai

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AKKATAI also sought their help in preparing the holige, a sweet dish. Inspired by her, nearly 50 women contributed Rs 100 each, while Akkatai put in Rs 10,000 for the special meal. Around a thousand people were fed. After coming to know about it, Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar sent her public relation officer JB Bhagojikoppa and team to Susatti village on Sunday to felicitate Akkatai.

The elderly woman was gifted a silk saree and homemade holige. Hebbalkar then spoke to Akkatai over phone and appreciated the elderly woman's initiative.

CALL TO ACTION

Experts explore Gandhian thought in addressing challenges

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FROM sustainability and equitable development to peacebuilding and the power of technology, speakers at the two-day international seminar — Mahatma Gandhi for the 21st Century — delved into how Gandhian thought remains relevant today.

Held at Gandhi Bhavan to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, the event delved into critical topics, including the rise of right-wing politics, climate change, and sustainable development.

Dr Uttam Kumar Sinha, Joint Director of the National Gandhi Museum, emphasised Gandhi's vision of 'Village Swaraj' as a precursor to modern sustainability concepts. He drew parallels between Gandhi's principles and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which aim to address environmental, social, and economic challenges.

Former Italian MP and senior member of the Community of Sant'Egidio Dr Mario Marazziti argued that Gandhi's approach remains crucial for effecting meaningful change in a world increasingly characterised by violence and discord.

Prof John Challadurai from MGM University, Aurangabad, reinforced the importance of Gandhi's method of Satyagraha, or nonviolent resistance. He noted that despite advancements, contemporary challenges such as the rise of right-wing politics reaffirm the need for Satyagraha's intellectual and moral approach to conflict resolution. He expressed concern over the rise of right-wing politics globally, including in India, underscoring the need for Satyagraha's approach.

Prasanna Heggodu, a Gandhian and senior theatre person, highlighted the connection between theatre and sustainability. He emphasised how his shift from theatre to working with handlooms demonstrates the practical application of Gandhian principles in promoting sustainability and empowering rural communities.

During the session — Dialogue among religion: Peace and Harmony — Swami Nityasthananda, President of Ramakrishna Math in Bengaluru, discussed Gandhi's emphasis on truth and nonviolence, arguing that spirituality is essential for upholding morality and humanity.

Archbishop Rev Felix Machado of Vasai stressed on Gandhi's vision of peace and the importance of uplifting the disadvantaged as a measure of a nation's success. He underscored Gandhi's belief in the integration of religion and politics, advocating for continued commitment to democratic values and addressing modern challenges like economic inequality and digital threats.

Raha Naba Kumar, Director of Gandhi Ashram, Noakhali, Bangladesh, mentioned that despite historical challenges, the Gandhi Ashram continues its work in promoting peace and communal harmony in Bangladesh.

Tirupati doctor shot dead in US

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A 64-year-old doctor originally hailing from Menakuru village, Naidupeta mandal, Tirupati district, was fatally shot in the United States on Friday.

Dr Ramesh Babu, who was the brother of Telugu Desam Party leader Peram Shetty Ramaiah, had a distinguished career in medicine.

He completed his medicine from Sri Venkateswara Medical College in Tirupati, where he initially gained recognition as a skilled physician. Later, he studied MS in Jamaica, according to reports reaching here.

He later moved to the United States, where he served the community in Tuscaloosa, and earned a strong reputation for his medical services. As his career and financial stability grew, Dr. Ramesh Babu expanded his contributions by establishing several hospitals across the U.S. He was married with four children, all of whom are settled in the U.S. During the COVID-19 pandemic, his services were widely acknowledged, and he received multiple awards for his dedication.

One of the street in Tuscaloosa was named after Ramesh Babu, the reports added.

Dr. Ramesh Babu also maintained a strong connection to his roots, generously donating to his hometown's local school and funding the construction of a Sai Baba temple in his village.

According to family members, the doctor visited his relative's wedding in Naidupeta on August 15 and returned back to the US. He was shot and killed by unknown assailants while on his rounds. His sudden death has cast a pall of gloom over Menakuru village.

'Corporatisation and saffronisation of education should be rejected'

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KARNATAKA State Education Policy Commission member and educationist Prof V P Niranjanaradhya said a system should be formulated to provide universal education based on fundamental rights.

"The Right to Education Act was enacted to strengthen the universal education system. However, this system has been weakened continuously. An education policy should be formulated to prevent discrimination in the name of caste, gender and religion," he said at a conference on 'State Education Policy: State Level Convention for Better Education' organised by the All India Students Association (AISA) on Sunday.

Former vice-chancellor of JSS University, Mysuru, L Jawahar Nesan said there were a lot of conflicts with the previous BJP government against National Education Policy (NEP) during his tenure as vice-chancellor. "My objections to NEP were conveyed to the government and it was not tolerated by them. Through NEP they are aiming to bring India-centric education but their India is not an inclusive India and divides the country based on caste and religion," he said.

Social justice, gender and sexuality rights activist Akkai Padmashali, who is part of the SEP's sub-committee set up to look into the caste, religion and gender discrimination in educational institutions, said, "In NCERT books, minority rights were mentioned. However, that was removed citing that that concept is 'Western'. It is necessary to formulate an education policy without any discrimination."

"Only if centralisation, corporatisation and saffronisation of education are completely rejected, a comprehensive education policy can be formulated at the Karnataka level," AISA State Convener Lekha Adavi said.

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RINGS 2, 8786, NALLABOTHULA RAVIKANTH, 128046/-, CHAIN 1, BANGALORE, HOSUR MAIN ROAD WILSON GARDEN, 104890700066637, SYED SULTHAN, 75578/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 7722, AZEEMA, 11448/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8335,
NASRULLAH KHAN, 12000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8409, ABDUL ILIYAS, 31480/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 8417, MOHAMMED IBRAHIM, 77000/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 8421, MOHAMMED YOUSUF, 15101/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8477, SYED SHUAIB, 21940/-, FINGER RINGS 1,
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MANJUNATH N, 39000/-, CHAIN 1, 2961, SATISH RAO D, 7456/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 104510730028016, YUVARAJ, 24728/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8075, RICHARD SON, 7643/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 8113, MOHAMMED MUDASSIR, 25231/-, CHAIN 1, 8121, S VINOD, 95902/-,
CHAIN 1, 8126, SYED BAKHAULLA BUQARI, 87196/-, CHAIN 2, CHIKKABALLAPUR, J K CROSS CHIKKBALLAPURA, 133710700020969, MURALIDHARA B M, 73260/-, NECKLACE 1, 1352, RAGHAVENDRA C, 35000/-, BRACELET 2, 1359, SHRIKANTH BK, 34000/-,
FINGER RINGS 2, 1362, SHANTHAMMA N N, 9600/-, DROPS 2, 1370, MOHAN RAJ G, 33000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1392, MUNIRAJU I N, 19630/-, CHAIN 1, 1395, BHARATH KUMAR Y G, 50000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1453, SHANTHAMMA N N, 5200/-, DROPS 2, 1482,
BHAVEEN KUMAR B M, 55639/-, DROPS & STUD 2,MATTI 2, 1491, V M MANJUNATHA, 25000/-, CHAIN 1, 133710730010002, MANJUNATHA B, 57917/-, NECKLACE 1, 0007, KHALIL, 19412/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0049, B N SHASHIKUMAR, 16514/-, FINGER RINGS 1,
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, DROPS 2, 1376, SUBHA M, 13927/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1401, AISHWARYA B, 38000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 121460730030422, KOUSAR BANU R, 34443/-, DROPS & STUD 6,FINGER RINGS 2, 0482, SINGANAMALLA VIJAYAKUMAR, 50529/-, FINGER RINGS 2,
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SRINIVAS M, 160820/-, BANGLE 2,CHAIN 1, 7999, ARAVIND C, 95217/-, NECKLACE 1, 8078, VINAYAKA SK, 150454/-, BANGLE 2, 8110, NARASAMMA, 28900/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 108460730031309, JYOTI HIREMATH, 151940/-, BROAD BANGLES 1,
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3,NECKLACE 1, 1497, L SARITHA, 197197/-, BRACELET 3,CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 3,MATTI 2, 1557, MOHAMMED SHABBIR, 105105/-, NECKLACE 1, 1583, KALEEMULLA, 38000/-, CHAIN 1, 1588, RAKESH, 12300/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1645, R
AROKIYA RAJ, 20000/-, CHAIN 1, 1646, V METHA, 15000/-, CHAIN 1, 1657, HIMAYOON, 10900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1739, AYISHA SIDDIQUA, 19500/-, DROPS & STUD 4,MATTI 1, 2649, SAJIDA BEGUM, 18000/-, FINGER RINGS 3,STUD 3, 108760730027472, MIYANJI
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NARASIMHALU, 122629/-, CHAIN 1, 3368, DHANUSH GOWDA N, 116170/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 2, 3386, SWAMINATH M, 80000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 3392, NASE PALLA LAKSHMIKANTH, 21400/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3400, MALINI A, 9500/-,
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SURYA J K, 30000/-, CHAIN 1, 1613, VASANTHA MA, 14397/-, STUD 2, 1642, SHIVASHANKAR DK, 95343/-, CHAIN 1, 1655, SYED AFTAB, 76000/-, NECKLACE 1, 1678, VENKATESH, 11684/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1722, PUTTEGOWDA S, 40000/-, CHAIN 1, 1726, ARUN
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MOHAN KUMAR N, 101290/-, CHAIN 1, 4139, R PALAKSHI GOWDA, 20940/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4161, DHANUSH, 96530/-, BRACELET 1, 4167, HARISH, 20243/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 4256, DHANAJAYA, 9557/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4306, RAJASHEKAR,
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SRINIVASA, 11760/-, DROPS 2, 120210730020400, RANGANATHA, 76050/-, CHAIN 1, 0415, ARJUN K, 20912/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0435, G C SIDDARAJU, 27612/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 0448, NAVEEN KUMAR D N, 12723/-, DROPS 2, BANGALORE, KOTTIGAPALAY,
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1, 5228, CHOWDAIAH, 119119/-, CHAIN 1, 5280, NITHESH KUMAR N R, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5298, MAHADEVASWAMY, 51800/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 121920730024383, MAHESH V, 14100/-, DROPS 1, 4410, JAYASHEELA KUMAR, 26752/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4512,
BHUVANESHWARA K R, 62430/-, CHAIN 1, MYSORE, KRISHNARAJA NAGAR, 121620700053742, UMESHA B S, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3798, RAGHAVENDRA, 34000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 3878, SURESHA L M, 40000/-, FINGER RINGS 3,
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1,FINGER RINGS 1,

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List of pledges:-

BANGALORE, KRISHNARAJAPURAM, 108430700044669, KARTHIK J, 35500/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 4671, MARIA PRIYADARSHINI M, 63000/-, MATTI 2, 4687, PRAVEEN K R, 8000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4689, BABA JAN C, 20000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4702, MARIA PRIYADARSHINI M, 87500/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 2, 4720, VISHWANATHA A S, 13500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4762, P MANJUNATHA, 9270/-, STUD 2, 4787, MARIA PRIYADARSHINI M, 40000/-, CHAIN 1, 4806, JYOTHI V, 11100/-, STUD 2, 5106, SUNIL KUMAR M, 12264/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 108430730028503, PROMODH P P, 54814/-, CHAIN 2, 8516, MARIA PRIYADARSHINI M, 120562/-, BRACELET 2,DROPS & STUD 2,ELAS 1, 8521, VENKATESH B V, 24668/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8576, VIJITH, 11800/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 8579, BABA JAN C, 27690/-, FINGER RINGS 1, KUDLU SOMASUNDARAPALAYA, 105530700053974, SHANTHI, 204660/-, CHAIN 1, 4203, GURIKKALA VALAPPOL, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4749, SANTH KUMAR R, 6800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4773, LALITHA, 110110/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 6, 4791, RQAVI T M, 9000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 105530730034791, RAJA DAS GUPTA, 71419/-, BANGLE 1, 5050, HARSHA B, 4934/-, DROPS 2, 5339, UDAY A, 119802/-, DROPS & STUD 4,LOCKET 1, 5464, SHANKAR N, 30560/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5570, NAVEEN KUMAR H N, 43993/-, CHAIN 1, TUMKUR, KUNIGAL, 111550700058560, GOWRAMMA, 12997/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8660, V SATHISHA, 9500/-, STUD 4, 8685, GANGADHAR V R, 12000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8810, VENKATALAKSHMAMMA, 40000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 2, 8862, GOWRAMMA, 15900/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8868, HANUMEGOWDA H T, 185000/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 1, 8924, NARAYANA N C, 30000/-, MATTI 2, 8929, GOVINDARAJU M.R, 55000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 8957, GANGADHAR V R, 14000/-, MATTI 2, 8981, SIMRAN AHAMED, 58500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9011, BHARATH K, 22000/-, BRACELET 1, 111550730021218, DARSHAN, 6953/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1376, SANDESH MV, 138068/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 3, 1462, PRAVEENA B L, 31900/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1467, SOMASHEKARA, 137527/-, DROPS & STUD 8,FINGER RINGS 3, 1494, ABDUL MAJEED A, 7279/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1497, RAVIKUMAR M R, 13698/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1510, GANGADHARA K T, 19009/-, FINGER RINGS 1, KUNIGAL B M ROAD, 124120700026373, BALKIAZ, 13492/-, STUD 2, 6578, CHETHANA K B, 16270/-, STUD 2, 6587, ESHWAR H E, 29700/-, DROPS 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 6593, RAVI KUMAR R, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6616, GANGADHAR, 10500/-, STUD 2, 6618, KIRTHANA T K, 21000/-, STUD 2, 6718, SURESH K C, 15790/-, DROPS 2, 124120730022800, MANOJ T M, 81247/-, DROPS & STUD 2, RAMANAGAR, KUVEMPU NAGAR CHENNAPATNA, 109420700042440, SHARATH CHANDRA K, 25000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 2606, UMESH N, 23874/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 2607, UMESH N, 23929/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 2747, SUNIL K, 26000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 3126, RAMESH T, 49000/-, DROPS & STUD 8, 3204, VINAY GOWDA M, 19000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 109420730086413, RAJU D, 24305/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6693, VENKARTARAMANA, 17787/-, STUD 2, 6711, PRAVEEN G, 24942/-, DROPS & STUD 2, HASSAN, KUVEMPUNAGAR, 110890700054341, MANU M C, 121121/-, CHAIN 1, 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STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 3, 3504, AKANKSHYA MOHANTY, 15996/-, CHAIN 1,STUD 2, 3508, NANDESHA, 46000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3522, S SHANKARANANDA, 37427/-, DROPS & STUD 5, 3591, ARUN KUMAR, 20000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3605, SURAPARAJU VENKAT GOWTHAM, 34000/-, CHAIN 1, 3612, PAVAN KUMAR, 21000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3614, BHAGYASHREE DAS, 70000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 3643, YERRAGUDISEKARREDDY, 30000/-, CHAIN 1, 3651, SUBBU M, 125125/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 1, 3654, SUJAT R, 79993/-, CHAIN 1, 3664, D DEEPAK, 51976/-, CHAIN 1, 3695, VENKATESH T, 31974/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3696, VENKATESH T, 13420/-, DROPS 2, 3707, PINJALA HEMA NAGARATNAM, 129973/-, CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 2,LOCKET 1, 3708, R NAGENDRA, 87000/-, CHAIN 1, 108090730031931, ORSU VENKATA SAI KUMAR, 17425/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2317, C M SANDHYA, 131260/-, CHAIN 2, 2622, TEJ DEEP SEELAM, 46229/-, BRACELET 1, 2656, SAMON SANTOSH C M, 166535/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 2661, BALAN R, 124002/-, CHAIN 1, 2664, KANNA A, 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EDITORIAL

"Mother, the life-giver, has every right to direct the destiny of her children. The voice of woman, the mother, should be heard amongst the leaders of humanity" — Helena Roerich

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— Ramnath Goenka

UNIFIED PENSION SCHEME: FISCALLY & OPTICALLY PRUDENT

THE Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for government employees addresses the major concerns of employees but at the same time doesn't put too much burden on the exchequer. The new scheme, available for government employees under the National Pension System (NPS) framework, addresses three main demands—a pension which is not market-linked; inflation-protected pension; and a minimum assured pension for employees who have a shorter service. The UPS assures pension that is at least 50 percent of the average of the last 12 months' salary, guarantees a minimum pension of ₹10,000 a month, and offers indexation benefit. The new scheme also assures a family pension of 60 percent after the pensioner's death. A minimum assured pension of ₹10,000 is available after completion of minimum 10 years of service. The new scheme would be available for retired employees who were under the NPS. Arrears, if any, will be paid to those opting for the UPS. The new scheme is available to 23 lakh central government employees. If state governments also decide to make this available, then 90 lakh government employees stand to benefit.

The UPS is a middle ground between the NPS and the old pension system, which is a defined benefit plan with the government bearing a large part of the employees' pension cost. UPS remains a defined contribution plan, in which employees would make a substantial part of the contribution. Currently, employees contribute 10% of their basic salary towards NPS and the government contributes 14%. Under UPS, the government contribution increases to 18.5% of the employees' salary. Even with the current NPS structure, an employee with 25-30 years in service can end up receiving a pension which would be 40-50% of their last drawn salary. This means, the UPS might not put too much burden on the exchequer. The implementation of the scheme would cost ₹6,250 crore in the first year with arrear payments costing ₹800 crore. With UPS, the government has managed to win the optics game, at least for now, and douse the anger of government employees without incurring too much financial burden. What it has also been able to do is pass the buck on state governments – the UPS is available to state government employees too – to implement the scheme, if they so want to. However, the government will have to now manage the narrative in its favour as the demand for reversal to the Old Pension scheme is yet to die down.

EFFORTS TO PROTECT KIDS MUST BEGIN AT SCHOOL

IT is well known that most perpetrators of sexual violence are persons known to the victims. It is not 'monsters' or 'animals' enacting such violence but human beings we encounter everyday. This is the reason that when it comes to children, efforts to protect them must begin with and focus on familiar spaces such as the home and school. While parents must educate and empower their children to help safeguard them, schools - where children spend a significant part of their day and a decade of their lives - are vested with the responsibility to ensure their protection. However, too often have schools failed to live up to their mandate. The most recent instance of this is the revelation, in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu, that a man had allegedly sexually assaulted and harassed multiple girls while conducting NCC camps that were unauthorised. The man had attempted suicide before he was nabbed by police and died on Friday. That private schools were willing to send their students to attend camps without properly ascertaining if they were authorised or not is shocking and signals an abdication of responsibility. Once a complaint emerged, it appears the staff tried to cover it up although POCSO Act has a mandatory reporting clause.

Subsequently, the state government constituted a Special Task Force headed by a senior IPS officer to inquire into the case. In a welcome move, displaying understanding of the sensitivity of the issue, it also formed a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) of psychiatrists, child rights experts, and child welfare officials in order to examine the case and make recommendations to prevent the recurrence of such crimes.

However, this is not the first time such crimes have emerged in Tamil Nadu. In 2021, a series of cases of sexual violence against students were reported. The state government, which had just come to power then, issued an order guiding schools on student safety and protection from sexual violence, listing areas of compliance for all schools. Yet, activists have raised concerns that the guidance may no longer be centred - or included - in regular reviews of government schools. It is hoped that the recommendations to be made by the MDT are not similarly forgotten but rather mark the beginning of safer school environments run by conscientious managements.

QUICK TAKE

PLANNING FOR SHORTAGE & OVERFLOW

THE central government is planning to spend about ₹2,500 crore on water conservation and flood control measures in seven big cities. The plan, recently announced by a member of the National Disaster Management Authority, includes improving early-warning systems and increasing the capacity of rivers and lakes to carry runoffs. Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata are expected to get ₹500 crore each, while Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Pune will get ₹250 crore each. There is hardly any urban Indian who would disagree that though the plan has come years too late, it is welcome and should be seen through. At the same time, we cannot ignore longer-term solutions built into urban planning.

Many cases of rape are never reported because of the consequent societal implications. What is required is social reform at the level of the family unit

TRANSFORMING SOCIETAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS WOMEN

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OF all crimes, rape is the most heinous. The nation's conscience is deeply disturbed by its frequency. Apart from this, the frequency of crime against women is also a matter of national shame. In the past, such incidents were seldom reported. Reporting these crimes has created awareness that such barbaric acts of criminality must be investigated swiftly and dealt with expeditiously. Instances of child rape alone soared by 96 percent from 2016 to 2022. In 2016, 19,765 cases were reported while in 2017, it was 27,616.

This number increased to 36,381 in 2021. In 2022, it stood at 38,911. In 2021 alone, India lodged 49 offences against women per hour. This is probably because of higher reporting and enhanced awareness about the reporting mechanism. Greater accessibility through help-lines and agencies in aid of justice for victims has also helped. Families of the victims now have an avenue to ensure such criminals are brought to book.

Rape is symptomatic of many things. It is symptomatic of a desire to dominate and overpower, a negative human attribute. What does the above data suggest about our society? That it is misogynistic to the extreme; that women are objects of both pleasure and derision; that each insensitive male believes he can get away with it. This emerges from our embedded cultural milieu in which girls have a secondary place in our families. I am not talking about enlightened households that embrace liberal traditions. But even there, we find on many occasions an element of discrimination when it comes to allowing them to discover and realise their dreams as an equal participant in society.

Child marriage, though illegal, is still rampant. That is also the reason why a woman's place in society is recognised as being a doting wife, serving the household instead of an independent personality with an equal right to participate in the life of the nation. Girls are left with very few choices as they grow, very few career options. On most occasions, marriage is the only option, where the choice of a partner is also seldom an option. In rural areas where agriculture is a family's mainstay, women work in the fields to sustain the household. Their options are far more limited. There are many talented young girls who could pursue their careers but are married and thereafter, either do not realise their ambitions at all or give a break to their career and then, if possible, continue after they have raised their families. This too, is an exception.

In the urban workplace, technology has helped young women work from their homes in certain professions, wherein it is not necessary to go to the workplace on a daily basis. The pandemic had one collateral positive impact. To sustain themselves, businesses welcome employees, both men and women, to work from their respective places of residence. This practice has also been embraced after the pandemic, reducing costs and helping businesses. Technology, in that context, has proved to be a boon for women who now can work from home, a privilege not available in many vocations.

Unfortunately, many cases of rape are never reported. Families are not willing to take the courageous step of pursuing the rapist because of the adverse effects of disclosure and the consequent societal implications. This is most unfortunate because as a nation, we need to make sure such incidents are brought to light and the families develop the courage to seek justice. While it is true that we have procedures in place for expeditious trial and conviction, the problem is far more complicated than it seems. What is required is social reform at the level of the family unit. The only way forward is to inculcate within the home and classroom a value system that recognises our young girls as equal participants in society, entitled to pursue their studies with the right to take up a career of their choice. They must be encouraged to believe they can and have the right to realise their aspirations, and must develop the courage and have the freedom to do that. Of course, it is easier said than done. It requires a transformational change in societal attitudes. The parents too need to be educated to think that way.

We are aware that there are fewer women in our workforce as compared to other countries, not just in the developed world but also in the neighbourhood. This must change, and change can only be brought about with the transformation of the male mindset, especially in households that are steeped in conservatism.

Women are far more adept in certain vocations. There must be a policy framework to identify such vocations where women can be absorbed. We are aware that the largest percentage of women is within the school system, where a majority of them are teachers. One of the major reasons, of course, is that they can multitask by teaching as well as taking care of their households. We must also find avenues and opportunities in vocations where women can be a force to reckon with. Perhaps it is time for us to set up an institutional framework wherein young girls who wish to pursue their studies and profession have the choice to express their desires. The state can set up mechanisms that, in case the family objects, allow for solutions that can only emerge through dialogue.

Apart from the above, we must ensure agencies investigating heinous crimes against women are sensitised to ensure these matters are dealt with the greatest of care and there is no place for any kind of biased investigation. What is involved is the dignity of women, which should never be compromised. Even more important is for political parties to ensure such instances are not looked upon as fodder for political mileage. That only muddies the water.

It is a national shame that we play politics with such incidents. Courts too must be cognisant and ensure an incident of rape does not become a political spectacle.

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A ZAMINDAR'S JOURNEY ON THE PATH TO GOD-LOVE

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

HAPPY Janmashtami, dear readers. In my view, Krishna-love can be compared to a heady fizz in our veins. That's how it seems to have been for millions. I often think that the Yamuna brims with the most extraordinary memories. Of which, surely the sweetest is of a stormy Shravan night when a man with a basket on his head set his feet in her raging waters to cross from Mathura to Gokul? Yamuna made way for Vasudeva, but could not resist an impulsive leap to touch the feet of the holy child he carried on his head.

Yet, though she is the river of the Rajdhani, the Yamuna is cut off from our lives today. There are no beautiful riverfronts, promenades and boat rides to refresh those who live in or visit Delhi. This once-splendid river apparently saw interesting traffic and drew innumerable pilgrims to her banks—dreamers, drop-outs, mystics, musicians, poets and saints.

One such fascinating person was Ras Khan, author of the '*Rachnavali*', in which he says, "*manus ho to vahi raskhani baso braj gokul gaon ke gvaran/ jo pasu hon to kaha bas mero charaun nit nand ko dhenu manjharan*". (If I, Ras Khan, am reborn as human, I wish to be a cowherd in the village of Gokul in Brajbhumi. If born an animal, I would like to be a cow in the herd of Nanda, grazing blissfully all day.)

How did 16th-17th century Saeed Ibrahim, said to be a Kabuli Pathan, become Ras Khan of Mathura-Vrindavan-Gokul? And why do we sing his verses centuries later as part of the beloved heritage of Krishna *bhajan*? One story goes he was from a rich zamindari family of Amroha in Uttar Pradesh and was treated shabbily by the local proud beauty he loved. This hurt him a lot and he grew morose and lonely.

Perhaps in rebound, Saeed Ibrahim then fell in love with the son of a Hindu merchant and followed him everywhere, enraging everyone. One day, he heard one Vaishnava tell another, "We should love the Lord as fearlessly and openly as Saeed Ibrahim loves the merchant's son." The other snorted in dismissal, "You call that love? It is only infatuation."

Ibrahim could not bear to hear this and sprang at them in fury with his sword upraised. But they stood their ground and said staunchly, "If you loved Krishna as you do that boy, you would be a liberated person."

Taken aback, Saeed Ibrahim dropped his sword arm. He turned around and went home to think it over. Who exactly was this Krishna that his fellow citizens loved so much? Being an emotionally honest person, he decided to find out more about Krishna.

As a nobleman's son, Sayeed Ibrahim knew both Persian and Sanskrit. He was led to read the *Bhagavata Purana* or *Srimad Bhagavatam*, the 'biography' of Krishna. It is said to have been written by Veda Vyasa as a mind-cleanser on Sage Narada's advice. This was when Vyasa finished composing the *Mahabharata* and complained to Narada of feeling depressed. Narada pointed out that Vyasa was bound to feel depressed after writing about so much destructive jealousy. Worse, Krishna figured only partially in his tale. If he wrote another book, this time focused on God, he would feel uplifted and happy, promised Narada. And that is how the *Srimad Bhagavatam* was written.

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The once-splendid Yamuna river apparently saw interesting traffic and drew innumerable pilgrims to her banks—dreamers, drop-outs, mystics, musicians, poets and saints, like Ras Khan, the author of the *Rachnavali*. Yet, she is cut off from our lives today

Reading the *Bhagavatam*, Ibrahim was intrigued and impressed by the unconditional love of the *gopis* for Krishna. He decided to go to Vrindavan as a tourist and see Brajbhumi or 'Krishna country' for himself.

Four things are said to be still in Brajbhumi since Krishna's time. The Yamuna, the soil of Braj (called '*Brajraj*'), Govardhan Hill and the site of the Katyayani Devi temple, where Sati's hair is said to have fallen. Ibrahim must have seen all those and experienced the sheer joy of Krishna-love all around him.

In truth, genuine Vaishnavism all over the land is meant to be open, unconditional, happy, extroverted and as micro-managed as a well-run household. It is somehow 'worldly' and 'domestic' in its joyousness and emotional extravagance. Images of Vishnu and his avatars are royally adorned with gold and precious jewellery. There is an abundance of silk, flowers, music, dance, fabulous *prasad*, and a sense of luxury. Vaishnava festivals, even the daily Vaishnava *harati*, are a grand experience. The *harati* is ritual theatre at its most beautiful, right from the slow, hypnotic waving of silver-mounted peacock feather whisks to the last, tender crooning of "Hari, Hari…" If you evade crowds, you feel pampered and nourished at a Vaishnava temple, and during festivals your heart overflows with the feasting of all senses.

If Ibrahim had experienced Mathura in the monsoon, he would have seen the 'palace of flowers' that major Krishna temples are turned into during Shravan. In this overwhelmingly festive atmosphere, Ibrahim was blessed to 'find Krishna', meaning Krishna entered his heart and filled his thoughts completely.

A poignant description of his state of mind occurs to me. An ancient Indian wrote a poem in Tamil translated by the late A K Ramanujan as *What He Said*: What could my mother be to yours? What kin is my father to yours anyway? And how did you and I meet ever? But in love our hearts are as red earth and pouring rain: mingled beyond parting. (*Cembulappeyaniraar, Kuruntokai 40*). This poem seems to soar beyond earthly love to God-love, describing our relationship with Krishna and indeed with Rama, too. Ibrahim was able to enter this uplifted, joyous bandwidth. To express his feelings, he began to write heartfelt poetry, which is how we have his *Rachnavali*. You can find his songs on YouTube, lovingly sung even today.

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Waning moon

Ref: *BJP's maha quest: Future haunted by the past* (Aug 25). It is undeniable that the BJP and Shiv Sena alliance was like an impregnable fort. But in politics, it is always avarice that plays spoilsport. Now the saffron party has lost its commanding position in Maharashtra. The author rightly narrated how the party is transitioning from waxing moon to waning moon.
R Sridharan, Chennai

Poetic justice

The BJP committed two horrific blunders in Maharashtra, one being the formation of government with the support of Ajit Pawar in 2019 while the other was directing Devendra Fadnavis to join as the deputy CM in the coalition government headed by Eknath Shinde of Shiv Sena. It may be poetic justice that the party is still struggling to get out of these two errors of judgement.
C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Overused term

Ref: *Secularism is Modi ploy to seize tomorrow* (Aug 25). Secularism is the most abused term in India after independence. Before independence, the spirit of secularism, though semantically incorrect, was part of our civilisation. But after independence, it is used by all and sundry, to propagate their agenda. So, Modi cannot be blamed for introducing the 'secular civil code' for pursuing his goals.
Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Secular code

It is good to have a uniform secular civil code 78 years after independence. There will be chest beatings among various religious denominations whose social customs and traditions cannot be bulldozed into a uniform secular fabric. Yes, the word 'secular' has different connotations, and parties agree to disagree on its implementation on ideological grounds.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Dignified retirement

Ref: *Pension wrinkles off in new scheme* (Aug 25). The Unified Pension Scheme announced by the Centre is heartily appreciated. This is a bold decision, knowing it will have a huge impact on the budget. It will provide a sense of security and dignified retirement to employees who have worked for the government.
A Myilsami, Sulur

Benefiting employees

The new UPS will benefit central government employees by providing assured pensions indexed to inflation, family and minimum pensions. This will allow them to retire contentedly with dignity.
Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
The implementation of the new pension scheme UPS by the Central Government is an admission that there were major flaws in NPS which we were constantly saying.

Kiren Rijiju @KirenRijiju
Rahul Gandhi ji, governments don't select Miss India, govts don't select athletes for Olympics, and govts do not choose actors for films!

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
Is the Assam CM trying to shame his own predecessor ...By showing rape statistics over the years his conciliatory words towards women crimes are merely hollow and hypocritical.

'U' in UPS stands for BJP govt's U-turns: Kharge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Congress on Sunday took a swipe at the Central government over its announcement of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), stating that the 'U' in UPS stands for Narendra Modi government's U-turns.

The Cabinet on Saturday approved an assured pension of 50% of the base salary for those who joined the service after January 1, 2004 under the National Pension System (NPS).

Referring to four recent decisions of the government, Congress president **Mallikarjun Kharge**, in a post on social media platform X, suggested that Lok Sabha elections results announced on June 4 compelled the Centre to change its stand.

"The 'U' in UPS stands for Modi Govt's U turns! Post June 4, the power of the people has prevailed over the arrogance of power of the Prime Minister. Rollback in the budget regarding Long Term Capital Gain/ Indexation, Sending Waqf Bill to JPC, Rollback of Broadcast Bill, Rollback of Lateral Entry... We will keep ensuring accountability and protect 140 cr Indians from this despotic government!" Kharge wrote.

Fulfilling long-pending demands of government employees ahead of assembly elections in Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir, the Cabinet meeting, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved the UPS, which assures guaranteed pension. The new pension scheme also guarantees an assured minimum pension of ₹10,000 per month on superannuation after a minimum of 10 years of service.

This option scheme will benefit 23 lakh Central government employees, it said, adding that the number would rise to 90 lakh if state governments want to join the scheme. The announcement came against the backdrop of several non-BJP states deciding to revert to the Dearness Allowance-linked Old Pension Scheme and employee unions in some other states raising demand for the same.

NPS has been implemented for all government employees joining the Central government on or after January 1, 2004.

Guarantee of accessible justice important: Modi

New justice code advances humanitarian perspective, says the PM

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has expressed serious concern over the delays that make justice difficult to access for ordinary citizens.

Speaking at the Platinum Jubilee celebration of the Rajasthan High Court in Jodhpur on Sunday, the PM invoked the adage "Justice delayed is justice denied", to highlight the need for timely justice.

He emphasized that it is the collective responsibility of the nation to expedite and make justice more accessible to common people and assured the government's commitment to it.

"I am pleased that the country has taken many historic and decisive steps. We have repealed hundreds of colonial laws that had become completely irrelevant. After so many decades of Independence, we have shed the mentality of servitude and adopted the 'Indian Justice Code' in place of the Indian Penal Code. Justice, rather than punishment, is at the core of Indian philosophy, and the new code advances this humane perspective," he said.

He also touched upon the theme of the Uniform Civil Code. "While this is the first time a government has so openly addressed this issue, our judiciary has been advocating for it for decades," he said.

PM Narendra Modi at Rajasthan High Court's platinum jubilee celebrations | PTI

PM exhorts youth to enter politics for 'Viksit Bharat'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged the youth to embrace the same spirit of dedication that had fuelled the country's freedom struggle to achieve the 'Viksit Bharat' goal.

In the latest edition of his radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', the PM underscored the need for patriotic efforts similar to those that united countless people from diverse backgrounds during the freedom struggle. This, he stressed, is crucial for development of a strong and developed nation.

Modi quoted his Independence Day speech made from the Red Fort, in which he invited a hundred thousand young people, devoid of any prior political affiliations, to step into the public life to weed out deeply rooted evils like "casteism and nepotism."

Dwelling upon the significant progress in India in the 21st century, which is laying a solid foundation for a 'Viksit Bharat', he enumerated the achievements of young entrepreneurs in various sectors, including the space sector.

Rly accidents decline in last 10 years, but losses mount at ₹300 cr: Data

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

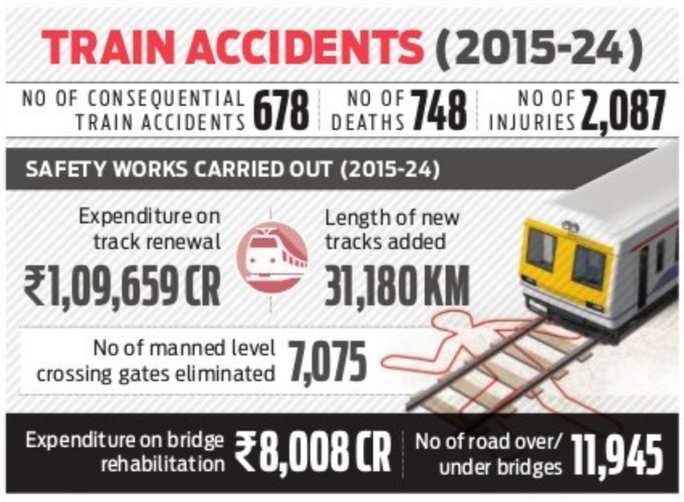
RECENT years have seen a troubling trend in the Indian Railways. While the frequency of consequential train accidents has significantly declined, the financial and material damages continue to mount.

There has been a dramatic drop in accidents — from 1,711 in the years between 2004-05 and 2013-14 to just 678 between 2014-15 and 2023-24.

The railway data, accessed by this newspaper, highlights that despite the decrease in accidents, the damage to railway property, including rolling stock, tracks, and other infrastructure incurred a cost running into over ₹300 crore.

Railway officials admitted that the Indian Railway network, which is one of the largest in the world, faces significant challenges now in balancing safety, operational efficiency, and financial stability.

According to official data, 748 deaths from 678 consequential train accidents were reported during 2015-24 and 2,087 passengers were injured during this period. This is against 904 deaths from 1,711 consequential train accidents with 3,155 injuries during 2005-14.


TRAIN ACCIDENTS (2015-24)
NO OF CONSEQUENTIAL TRAIN ACCIDENTS 678
NO OF DEATHS 748
NO OF INJURIES 2,087
SAFETY WORKS CARRIED OUT (2015-24)
Expenditure on track renewal ₹1,09,659 CR
Length of new tracks added 31,180 KM
No of manned level crossing gates eliminated 7,075
Expenditure on bridge rehabilitation ₹8,008 CR
No of road over/ under bridges 11,945

According to data, the total cost of damage to railway property such as rolling stock, tracks and other infrastructure due to consequential accidents during the last five years stood at ₹313 crore, including ₹150 crore in the last one year.

"Even during the few months of the current financial year, derailments and consequential accidents have damaged properties worth ₹150 crore as dozens of coaches were damaged," said an official, adding that massive safety steps for safety in operations are in the place.

"All locomotives are now equipped with Vigilance Control Devices (VCD) to improve alertness of loco pilots to avoid oversight, which generally lead to accidents," said a railway official, adding that railways is using ultrasonic flaw detection testing of the rails to detect flaws and timely removal of defective rails.

He said that fitment of VCDs as a technological aid to alert loco pilots has been done since 2014 in more than 12,000 (10,521 electric and 1,873 diesel) locomotives.

Have provided $2.4b aid in 7 yrs, hope democracy returns to Myanmar: US

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

ON the seventh anniversary of Rohingya genocide, US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said that his country has provided humanitarian relief and assistance worth $2.4 billion to Myanmar in the last seven years and that it hopes Myanmar returns to democracy.

"Over the last seven years, the US has contributed nearly $2.4 billion in humanitarian assistance. We also conduct extensive documentation of the atrocities and abuses committed against the Rohingyas and all civilians," said Blinken.

The ongoing humanitarian crisis and human rights abuses in Myanmar exacerbate difficulties faced by members of many of Burma's ethnic and religious minority groups, and Rohingyas in particular, the statement added.

"The US stands with survivors of the Rohingya genocide and is committed to providing life-saving assistance to members of Rohingya communities and those affected by the crisis in Myanmar, Bangladesh, and the region," Blinken said.

The US has also said that it supports the aspirations of the Myanmar's people in the return to a democratic, inclusive process that would ensure a peaceful future. He also called on all parties in Myanmar to prevent and protect civilians from being harmed.

Meanwhile, rebel ethnic groups in Myanmar have been alleging that the Rohingya refugees housed in relief camps have been forced to pick up guns by the military regime and target ethnic groups creating discord and communal tensions.

Bangladesh, on the other hand, said it is challenged in supporting the over 1.2 billion Rohingya refugees it has been hosting.

"With uncertainty at home as life has not returned to normalcy and one does not know which way the politics would lead Bangladesh, the burden of housing these refugees is being felt even more in Bangladesh at present," said a source in Dhaka.

Govt mulls 'white-topping' to rejuvenate aging NHs

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

WITH many of the national highways aging, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) is considering 'white-topping' for their rehabilitation and strengthening, primarily for expansion of the life span of the roads and keeping them pothole-free.

According to officials, the policy regarding the use of the technology is at the finalsation stage and the ministry has sought feedback from stakeholders — including agencies that maintain and develop roads across states — by the first week of September.

White-topping technology is the covering of an existing asphalt pavement with a layer of Portland cement concrete (PCC). It also prevents structural cracks and rutting. Unexpected increase in traffic loading, poor maintenance, or improper drainage conditions aggravate the rate of deterioration of 'flexible pavements', the technical parlance used for roads. Rutting of bituminous pavement is a major issue in the country, given the hot climate with high frequency of heavy truckloads.

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At present, the total length of national highways in the country is approximately 1.5 lakh kilometres. As per an estimate of the ministry, as two-, four- and six-lane national highways and expressways are being built, the quantum of aged assets is increasing, which warrant rehabilitation to extend their life further.

Officials say that white-topping extends the lifespan of roads by 20-25 years and it also has a durable wearing course in high rainfall areas. The other advantage of the white-topping concrete is that it is relatively light in colour, and hence the surface is more reflective, absorbs less heat and reduces the urban heat island effect.

"Improved reflection of lights from vehicles enhances safety, lowers energy requirement of external lighting; lower contribution to heat in environment, and fuel consumption on concrete roads has been found to be less than the bitumen roads," said the ministry.

The technology is, at present, being used to rehabilitate state roads and some stretches of national highways. Many projects have been executed in Pune, Mumbai, Delhi, Nagpur, Jaipur and Bengaluru successfully.

In its 2022 report on white-topping technology, National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) had noted that its performance on sections has been found to be satisfactory. The report of MoRD states that concrete overlays technology have been used to rehabilitate both the existing bituminous (flexible) pavement since 1918 and existing concrete pavement since 1913.

NGT notice to Centre, UP for violating order against construction on forest land

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @New Delhi

THE National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued notices to the Central and Uttar Pradesh governments, as well as Mirzapur Thermal Energy UP Private Limited, over violation of its 2016 order, which prohibited construction on the forest land in Mirzapur forest division.

Reports show that the company has started illegal construction of walls and roads on forest land, besides encroaching on other lands. The forest land is also a proposed sloth bear conservation reserve in the Mirzapur forest division of eastern Uttar Pradesh. In addition, the forest is a crucial habitat for rich and threatened wildlife for at least 24 terrestrial animals unique to the Vindhyan-Kaimoor ecosystem.

On December 21, 2016, the green tribunal set aside the Environmental Clearance (EC) to power company Welspun Energy Private Limited for setting up a 2x660 MW super critical coal-based thermal power plant at Dadri Khurd village in Mirzapur. Currently, the plant is transferred to Mirzapur Energy UP Private Limited owned by the Adani group.

The EC, dated August 21, 2014, was cancelled after evidence showed that the entire process of consideration and appraisal of the proposal to grant EC was tainted. The NGT process laid down rules and regulations to safeguard the environment and livelihood of the local community.

After the order of the two-judge NGT bench, a large number of farmers gathered at Mirzapur district administration office accused the company of forcibly registering their land without their consent and demanded it back. They also submitted a memorandum to the district magistrate and shot off letters to the Prime Minister, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Governor, and National Human Rights Commission, explaining how the company grabbed their land.

"The company has not stopped its work despite the court's order," said Triloki Nath Dube, a farmer whose land was allegedly registered by the company.

Against norms

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POWER GAMES

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House Hunting

CURSE OF THE DEAD & QUEST FOR LUTYENS ADDRESS

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's search for a type-8 bungalow took him to former Union minister Santosh Gangwar's 13, Sunehri Bagh residence. Gangwar did not contest the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and was in the process of vacating his bungalow when Rahul Gandhi visited his house. The polite Gangwar happily showed Rahul around. After seeing the entire house, Rahul asked the former minister's Jyotishi (astrologer) friend who was present on the occasion what he thought about the house. It is built on a graveyard, how auspicious can it be, replied the Jyotishi. With the election of the new Lok Sabha and the new government taking over at the Centre, a large number of houses are changing hands. Everybody wants the biggest and the best house in the Lutyens zone. A head of a government organisation, who is a prominent bureaucrat from one of the largest states in the country, has been putting pressure on the Housing and Urban Affairs (HUF) ministry for a bungalow to which he is not entitled. This was discovered by former HUF minister Hardeep Singh Puri when the file for allotment of house to this particular bureaucrat reached him. Puri rejected the request and wrote in the file that the officer was not entitled to the house he was demanding. This, however, did not deter the officer. Sources said he has now approached new HUF minister Manohar Lal Khattar's office. The allotment of larger bungalows is handled by the HUF minister. The smaller houses are allotted by the House Committee chairman. According to sources, Khattar has not yet seen the officer's file. They said he may not treat the matter any differently than Puri.

Osaka World Expo

INDIA WILL LAND CHANDRAYAN IN ARTIFICIAL SKY

India plans to recreate the landing of Chandrayan on the moon by building an artificial sky and a live model of a battery-powered spaceship to make its presence felt at the six-month-long Osaka World Expo from April 13 to October 13, 2025. The India Trade Promotion Organisation under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is making frenzied preparations to put in place a state-of-the-art India pavilion that will showcase India's scientific prowess and diverse cultures. Sources said a Tata group company is likely to bag the contract to construct the 1,751 square metre pavilion. Over two dozen officers of the government of India are busy learning the Japanese language. Union ministries and state governments are getting ready to forge B2G and G2G collaborations with 165 countries participating in this once-in-five-year World Expo. India will showcase its progress through the government of India's flagship programmes such as Make in India, Digital India, etc and form global partnerships. Special arrangements are being made to celebrate Independence Day, International Yoga Day, International Tourism Day and Gandhi Jayanti that fall during the duration of the Expo. Sources said that after the end of the Expo, the Pavilion will be brought back for display in India.

EXPRESS READ

India, Indonesia resolve to boost anti-terror ties

India and Indonesia have condemned the use of terrorist proxies for cross-border terrorism amid Pakistan's support to terror groups carrying out terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir. The issue of cross-border terrorism figured at the sixth meeting of the India-Indonesia joint working group on counter-terrorism that was held in Jakarta on Friday. The two sides focused on ways to effectively combat terrorism, including how to stop the use of new and emerging technologies by terrorists, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs.

TB-FREE VILLAGES

A total of 41 village panchayats in Maharashtra's Thane district have been declared tuberculosis-free, officials said on Sunday. Among these villages, 13 are from Shahapur taluka, 9 from Murbad, 7 from Kalyan, and 6 each from Bhiwandi and Ambernath.

11 PICNIKERS RESCUED FROM RIVER ISLAND IN MP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	26	Mumbai	30	26
Bhopal	30	24	Panaji	28	26
Jaipur	31	25	Patna	33	26
Amritsar	34	26	Lucknow	32	27
Chennai	35	26	Port Blair	32	28
Kolkata	30	26	Imphal	29	21
Srinagar	32	15	Chandigarh	31	24

Zero-tolerance for narcotics: Shah

'Drug business promotes terrorism, left-wing extremism and weakens country's economy'

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah called for ensuring a 'zero tolerance' policy against illegal drugs and stressed the need to dismantle the entire narcotics network. Chairing a review meeting on the narcotics scenario in Chhattisgarh on Sunday, Shah said that drugs are not just a problem of the country but a global menace and the resolution to have a drug-free India assumes significance for building a prosperous and safe India.

"We can win the battle against drugs and its trafficking through a firm commitment and comprehensive strategy. Illegal trafficking of narcotics not only ruins the life of young generations but also weakens the country's national security. The money acquired from illicit drug business promotes terrorism, left-wing extremism and weakens the country's economy," the home minister stated.

The convergent strategy should involve a top-down and bottom-up approach to integrate into a wide-reaching framework. Advocating a drug-free India, the Union minister asserted that all should pledge to fulfill the resolution. He suggested that the officials should undertake scientific methods in the investigation of drug trafficking cases.

Shah interacts with 31 tribal youths

Shah interacted with 31 tribal youths from five villages of Maoist-affected Bijapur district. They shared their hopes and aspirations with the minister. Ironically, most of these young individuals had their first experience stepping out of Bijapur to visit the state capital Raipur.

"We can be successful in the battle against illegal trafficking of narcotics by following the four principles: detection of drugs, destruction of the network, detention of the culprit and rehabilitation of the victims. The trend of drug trafficking is changing and it is moving from natural to synthetic drugs. The user of drugs is a victim while the one who engages in its trade is a criminal", Shah said.

During the review meeting, he revealed that the percentage of use of sedatives in Chhattisgarh is 1.45, which is more than the national average and the use of cannabis (ganja) at 4.98% is also higher than the national average.

Shah also inaugurated the Raipur Zonal officer of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) at the new capital city Naya Raipur. "NCB offices play a vital role in controlling narcotics in regions under its jurisdiction. The Modi government will establish NCB in every state to strive towards eliminating the illegal drug business with the cooperation of state governments," he added.

"Chhattisgarh shares its borders with seven states, including Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, from where drug smuggling is takes place. Chhattisgarh is also close to the Bay of Bengal and the coastal connectivity of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh creates a drug trade route,' he said.

Drug smugglers are changing the trend and shifting from natural drugs to synthetic ones which cause maximum harm, said Shah. He said around 1,250 cases were registered from 2004-2014 and from 2014 to 2024, there was an increase by 230% in the cases registered with 4,150 inquiries.

"In the last 10 years, the performance of NCB has improved significantly and the fight against drugs has become stronger. We have succeeded in taking the fight to its logical conclusion, but a lot of work is still left to be done," Shah said.

Shah, who is on a 3-day visit to the state, virtually inaugurated the zonal office of the Narcotics Control Bureau in Nava Raipur at the beginning of the meeting.

The zonal office will play a key role in checking the illicit drug trade not only in Chhattisgarh but also in the entire region. "We have set a target to establish NCB in every state," he said.

Winner of 'Banga Ratna' returns award in protest

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

PARIMAL Dey, a teacher from Alipurduar in West Bengal, who was honoured with the Banga Ratna award by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in 2019, has decided to return the award over the state government's response to the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape-murder incident.

"I have decided to return the Banga Ratna award. The way protests occurred in Bengal and outside, it is my conscience call that I should give it back. I support the protest," he said. "The way she (Mamata Banerjee) is running the administration is not right," he said.

In a related development, the West Bengal Motion Picture Artists' Forum staged a protest in Tollygunge demanding justice for the victim in the rape-murder incident and urged the Kolkata administration to take responsibility.

Meanwhile, Celebrated dancer Mamata Shankar led a rally of her students in the southern part of the city, demanding justice in the incident. "All we are asking now is to track all those

involved in this ghastly crime and ensure prompt justice so that the perpetrators get exemplary punishment. Hang them to death," she said.

Rallies and demonstrations were held in different parts of West Bengal on Sunday. In Kolkata, civil society members marched from Ramlila Maidan in Moulali to Metro Channel in Esplanade, demanding justice for the victim of the crime. Slogans such as 'Hatras theke RG Kar, dharsaner biruddhe othao swar' (from Hathras to RG Kar, raise voice against rapes) rented the air.

"While we demand the CM's statement on the issue of women's safety in the state, we also seek punishment of all the rapists — whether the crime took place in Hatras or Kolkata," said rights activist Satabdi Das.

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Sukhendu's discontent triggers his criticism

Recently, Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, a Member of Parliament from the TMC, expressed his dissatisfaction with Bengal's handling of a tragic incident involving the rape and murder of a 31-year-old PG trainee doctor. In a tweet, Roy criticized Police Commissioner Vinit Goyel for initially labeling the incident as suicide. Roy demanded a fair investigation by the CBI. Sources have indicated that Roy felt sidelined by the party. He had not received adequate recognition for his work in Delhi and was reportedly restricted from speaking on certain party matters. This discontent likely fueled his public criticism.

Government's order sparks controversy

Amid widespread protests in West Bengal, the district inspector of West Midnapore issued a controversial order prohibiting students from participating in any activities outside their school education programs. The order stipulates that students are barred from involvement in any other events or programs that is outside the cirriculam, with dire consequences for non-compliance. This directive has ignited outrage across the state, with opposition parties criticizing the government for overstepping its boundaries by dictating students' extracurricular activities.

Strike forces seniors doctors work extra

Despite the Supreme Court's appeal for protesting medical professionals to resume their duties, junior doctors in West Bengal remain resolute in their strike, which has disrupted healthcare services at state-run hospitals. The strike, in response to the alleged rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital, has seen senior doctors covering emergency services while junior doctors continue their protest. The protesting junior doctors are considering escalating their actions to include hunger strikes and involving students from other states' colleges if they feel their cause is not receiving enough attention.

LJP to go it alone in J'khand if no consensus with BJP, says Chirag

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN a major announcement after being elected as LJP (RV) President, **Chirag Pawan** said that if the party fails to reach consensus over seat sharing with BJP in Jharkhand, then his party may go it alone in 2024 Assembly polls. LJP (RV) Chief Chirag Paswan was on a day-long visit to Jharkhand to hold a meeting of its national executives in Ranchi on Sunday to discuss strategy form assembly elections in Jharkhand, Haryana, Bihar and other states.

"We are a strong ally of NDA at the national level, but time to time we have contested elections with NDA at the state level also. We had contested 2014 Assembly polls in Jharkhand in alliance with NDA, under which, one seat of Shikaripara was given to LJP (RV), but this time the onus is on the state unit of LJP (RV), whether it want to contest Assembly polls under NDA or want it alone," said Paswan. The state unit will put a proposal before the NDA to contest Assembly polls in Jharkhand within the alliance, but if no consensus is reached on seat sharing, the state unit may take a decision to

go it alone, he added.

Before that, Chirag Paswan was elected President of Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) once again years during the National Executive meeting in Ranchi on Sunday and will hold the post for the next five.

After being elected party president, Paswan ensured his workers that LJP (RV) will organise a series of programmes. He also assured that NDA Government will be formed in Jharkhand which will develop the state. After Bihar CM Nitish Kumar declared that JD (U) is making preparations on 11 seats in upcoming assembly polls in Jharkhand, Paswan said that his party would field its candidates on 28 seats.

Candidates of banned Jamaat to fight as Ind

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE banned Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir (JIJK) is all set to contest the upcoming J&K Assembly polls as independents in some of the seats. Earlier, the socio-religious and political organisation had said it wanted to return to electoral politics in J&K after 35 years if the ban was lifted.

Sources in Jamaat said the party would be fielding candidates in 10-15 constituencies in south and north Kashmir. "These constituencies mostly fall in south Kashmir's Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag districts. We are also considering whether to field a candidate from Sopore in north Kashmir," they said.

Sopore has always remained the stronghold of Jamaat-e-Islami. The late Hurriyat Conference leader and hardline separatist leader Syed Ali Geelani was elected thrice on a Jamaat ticket from the Sopore Assembly segment in 1972, 1977, and 1987. Till 1987, Jamaat had been part of electoral politics in J&K and used to contest Assembly polls. However, after the eruption of militancy in 1989, the organisation stayed away from the polls and joined the Hurriyat Conference.

Winnability key factor as BJP election panel on J&K meets in PM's presence

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP Central Election Committee (CEC) on Sunday met to discuss candidates for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as one of its members in attendance. The meeting went on for four hours at the party headquarters.

The polls for the 90-member J&K assembly are taking place on September 18, 23 and October 1 for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370.

Chairing the meeting, PM Narendra Modi, who is the party's prime poll mascot, reportedly emphasised winnability as one of the key factors for considering candidature.

The CEC members, which include JP Nadda, Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and others, deliberated on the candidatures of nearly 50-55 candidates in detail, focusing on strong local connection, fair political backgrounds and high winnability index across the valley and in plains of J&K.

Sources said the meeting took up the evaluation of potential candidates. Though, no official word was available till late evening, sources indicated that BJP was aiming to maximise representation

Elections are taking place for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370 | PTI

The party may announce the names of candidates in two phases. The first list of candidates may be for the Valley and hilly areas falling under various assembly segments. The second list will be devoted to Jammu and other regions — BJP sources

from local youths and women, a factor that aligns with PM Modi's emphasis on empowering these sections. The first list of candidates for J&K-90 member assembly is expected to be announced in the next few days, possibly as early as Monday.

"The party may announce the names of candidates in two phases. The first list of candidates may be for the Valley and hilly areas falling under various assembly segments. The second list will be devoted to Jammu and other regions," hinted a source.

Sources said 43 assembly seats fall under Jammu region while 47 are in the (Valley) areas. At least 88 lakh electors are expected to vote in J&K.

The CEC also reportedly discussed candidates for the Haryana assembly elections where the BJP is in power and faces a tough challenge with Opposition parties such as AAP and Congress preparing to contest alone. The BJP's strategy in Haryana will be crucial for retaining power for the third time.

MP's Malwa region to have four big pilgrimage hubs linked with Krishna

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

ALREADY famous for housing two jyotirlingas—Mahakaleshwar and Omkareshwar—the Malwa-Nimar region of Madhya Pradesh is set to become home to four major pilgrimage sites connected with the life of Lord Krishna.

Two of these pilgrimage sites—Narayana and Sandipani Ashram—are located in Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav's home district, Ujjain, while the other two, Janapav and Amjhera, are situated in the Indore and Dhar districts, respectively.

"All four places that were visited by Lord Krishna will be developed into major pilgrimage sites. The goal is to bring the history of Lord Krishna to life in modern times, spreading his messages of friendship, bravery, humility, and learning to everyone and inspiring them to embody these values. Transforming these four religious sites into significant Krishna pilgrimage destinations will

greatly contribute to this objective," CM Dr. Mohan Yadav recently stated in Bhopal.

"It is our good fortune that Lord Krishna, after killing Kansa, pursued education at the Sandipani Ashram in Ujjain and is known worldwide as Shri Krishna. We are also fortunate that Shri Krishna and Sudama became friends at Narayana (which perhaps has the only temple dedicated to their friendship) in Ujjain district. Lord Krishna defeated Rukmi with his bravery in the Rukmani Haran episode at Amjhera near Dhar. With humility and devotion, Lord Krishna obtained the Sudarshan Chakra from Parashurama at Janapav near Indore. These four Dhams of Madhya Pradesh vividly bring to life the history of Lord Krishna, based on which his divine play was recognized globally as Yogeshwar Shri Krishna," he added. Importantly, these four pilgrimage sites (located within a radius of around 150 km) are part of the proposed Krishna Patheya religious circuit project of the current BJP regime in the state.

The project aims to connect all places related to Lord Krishna's life across Madhya Pradesh through the Krishna Patheya religious tourism circuit, positioning central India as a major travel hub for Krishna devotees from around the world. The proposed project is modeled after the Ram Van Gaman Path religious tourism circuit, which connects locations associated with the trinity of Lord Ram, Lakshman, and Sita during their exile in modern MP and UP.

'JAN AKROSH'

12K BJP workers in police net for Ranchi violence

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

TAKING a swift action over the clash which took place between police and BJP workers during 'Yuva Akrosh Rally' on Friday, the Ranchi district administration has lodged an FIR against more than a dozen thousand unknown persons and 42 named, including the top BJP leaders at Lalpur police station.

The FIR has been lodged by Executive Magistrate of Ranchi, Sanjay Kumar. Notably, several police personnel along with the BJP workers were injured following a clash which took place after police resorted to tear gas and water cannons to stop BJP workers marching towards CM House at Morhabadi ground in Ranchi during 'Yuva Akrosh Rally' organised by Bhartiya Janta Yuva Morcha (BYJM).

The rally was organised against the state 's alleged failure to fulfill promises on unemployment allowance and jobs ahead of 2019 assembly polls.

Crime against women in Assam a part of conspiracy, says Himanta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

CRIMES against women in Assam are part of a larger strategy to grab land, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Sunday. To buttress his point, he cited the demographic changes in Nagaon district's Dhing where a 14-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped by three persons on Thursday.

"Crime against women in Assam is a part of a larger encroachment strategy. They scare families and then grab their land," he said.

Stating that Dhing-Batadrava is the birthplace of saint-reformer Srimanta Sankardeva, Sarma said, "There is tremendous pressure on the Assamese to leave Dhing. Once 90% Assamese lived there but today, they have been reduced to 10%."

He observed that because of continuous criminal activities, people were leaving their home and selling their land while another section of people was occupying the place vacated by the indigenous Assamese people.

We are now in a minority in 12-14 districts: Biswa

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma observed that because of continuous criminal activities, people were leaving their home and selling their land while another section of people was occupying the place vacated by the indigenous Assamese people. "I have said it time and again that we are now in a minority in 12-14 districts. They initiated such activities so our people leave the place. This is not crime against women only. This is linked to encroachment of land," he reiterated.

"I have said it time and again that we are now in a minority in 12-14 districts. The trend is simple. They initiated such (criminal) activities so our people leave the place. This is not crime against women only. This is linked to encroachment of land," the Assam CM reiterated, adding that the incidents of rape and molestation were being used as a weapon to get land vacated by the indigenous people.

Once these activities are done, he said people start feeling insecure and leave a place.

"We have observed this pattern for the last 10-15 years. A crime is committed to instill a sense of insecurity among the Assamese people and they start leaving that area one by one," he further stated.

Last month, Sarma had announced that the state government would bring a law which would make it mandatory to obtain government's permission before any land transactions between Hindus and Muslims.

Meanwhile, the locals of Dhing continued with their protests demanding the arrest of two rape accused who were absconding. The prime accused died by drowning at a pond while attempting to flee, the police had said on Saturday.

Beirut int'l airport open, but flights cancelled

Passengers at Israel's Ben Gurion airport also faced uncertainty after authorities delayed or redirected flights

BEIRUT

DOZENS of passengers at Lebanon's only international airport were anxiously checking announcement boards on Sunday as more flights to the capital were cancelled or delayed amid escalating hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah.

Beirut International Airport was functioning but many passengers were stuck as major airlines announced flight suspensions, after Israel and Hezbollah announced broad strikes in an escalation of cross-border hostilities.

"We came at 4.30 am for our flight at 8 am but they told us it was cancelled," said Elham Shukair, a passenger headed to the United States via Jordan.

Seated on her bag in the arrivals hall, she said she had booked another flight later on Sunday with Lebanon's Middle East Airlines in the hope of reaching Amman and making her onward connection.

On Sunday, other passengers sat on the floor in the departures hall as screens showed cancelled or delayed flights, while the arrivals area was largely empty. "Our flight is still scheduled but it is delayed," said Diala Hatoum, who was set to travel with her son on a Qatar Airways flight.

"We will see, we are waiting now," she added.

Passengers wait for flights at the Beirut International Airport on Sunday | AFP

Hamas delegation leaves Cairo after meeting

Hamas delegation left Cairo on Sunday night after meeting with Egyptian, Qatari mediators trying to negotiate a ceasefire in Gaza. "The Hamas delegation left Cairo tonight, after meeting with Egyptian and Qatari mediators who briefed them on the results of the latest negotiations," said Izzat al-Rishq, an official

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Passengers at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport also faced uncertainty after aviation authorities delayed or redirected flights. The airport resumed operations from 7 am following a brief suspension, but dozens of passengers were left stranded after some flights were cancelled or delayed.

"We really want a break from all of this... the situation in Israel," said Sofia Levi, 23, a stranded passenger.

Shay Shauli, 45, who planned to fly to Athens, said he had been waiting at the terminal for more than three hours.

"I am waiting to see if the flight is still going. If it does not, then I need to buy a new ticket and it is much more expensive," he said.

Air France and its subsidiary Transavia said they were suspending flights to Beirut and Tel Aviv scheduled for Sunday and Monday, adding that the move could be extended depending on the situation in the Middle East. Royal Jordanian Airlines announced the suspension of Beirut flights "due to the current situation".

The UAE's Etihad Airways said it had also cancelled its services on Sunday to and from Beirut and Tel Aviv.

On Friday, German airline giant Lufthansa said it was extending a suspension of flights to Beirut until September 30 and to Tel Aviv until September 2. Lebanon's civil aviation authority emphasised on Sunday that "the airport is functioning normally" despite some disruptions. *AFP*

Failure to prevent Telegram misuse lands CEO in jail

PARIS

TELEGRAM chief executive Pavel Durov is to appear in court on Sunday after being arrested at a Paris airport for offences related to his popular messaging app, sources said.

Russia has accused France of "refusing to cooperate" following the arrest of the Franco-Russian billionaire, 39, at Le Bourget airport on Saturday night. Durov had arrived from Baku, Azerbaijan, a source close to the case said.

France's OFMIN, an office tasked with preventing violence against minors, had issued an arrest warrant for Durov in a preliminary investigation into alleged offences including fraud, drug trafficking, cyberbullying, organised crime and promotion of terrorism, one source said.

Durov is accused of failing to take action to curb the criminal use of his platform.

"Enough of *Telegram*'s impunity," said one investigator who expressed surprise that Durov flew to Paris knowing he was a wanted man.

Russian authorities said they had demanded access to Durov but had no response from France. "We immediately asked French authorities to explain the reasons for this detention and demanded that his rights be protected and that consular access be granted. Up to now, the French side is refusing to cooperate on this question," Russia's embassy in Paris said in a statement reported by the *Ria Novosti* news agency.

Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Moscow had asked for consular access to 39-year-old Durov, saying that as he also had French citizenship "France considers that it is his main nationality".

Pavel Durov

Businessman Elon Musk posted the hashtag #FreePavel on the X social media platform he owns and commented in French, "Liberte Liberte! Liberte?" (Freedom Freedom! Freedom?).

The encrypted messaging app, based in Dubai, has positioned itself as an alternative to US-owned platforms, which have been criticised for their commercial exploitation of users' personal data. Telegram has committed to never disclosing information about its users. In a rare interview in April, Durov said he got the idea to launch an encrypted messaging app after coming under pressure from the Russian government while working at VK, a social network he created before selling it and leaving Russia in 2014. *AFP*

UN concerned by Taliban's morality law

KABUL

THE UN mission in Afghanistan said on Sunday it was "concerned" about a morality law recently ratified by the Taliban authorities, criticising in particular restrictions on women. The Taliban authorities on Wednesday announced the codification of a law with 35 articles detailing wide-ranging behaviour and lifestyle restrictions based on their strict interpretation of Islamic law. The law sets out graduated punishments for non-compliance – from verbal warnings to threats, fines and detentions of varying lengths – enforced by the morality police under the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice.

"It is a distressing vision for Afghanistan's future, where moral inspectors have discretionary powers to threaten and detain anyone based on broad and sometimes vague lists of infractions," said Roza Otunbayeva, head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

"After decades of war and in the midst of a terrible humanitarian crisis, the Afghan people deserve much better than being threatened or jailed if they happen to be late for prayers, glance at a member of the opposite sex who is not a family member, or possess a photo of a loved one," Otunbayeva said. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Syrian suspect confesses to rampage

German police said on Sunday that a Syrian man has given himself up and confessed to killing three people and wounding eight others in a knife rampage at a street festival. The random attack as thousands of people gathered on Friday night in the western city of Solingen has stunned Germany. Two men aged 56 and 67 and a 56-year-old woman were killed, officials said. Four of the wounded remained in a serious condition.

New collision between Beijing, Manila vessels

China's coast guard said it rescued Filipino "personnel" who fell overboard Sunday after a Philippine vessel collided with one of its ships near a disputed shoal in the South China Sea. The Philippines slammed China's claims as "completely unfounded". The two nations have had repeated confrontations in the waters in recent months, and on Saturday Manila accused China of twice firing flares at one of its patrol.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of our client that, Thippanna, Siddaraju, Gangappa, ("**Owners**"), have lost/misplaced the following original documents pertaining to land bearing Survey No.153/2, measuring 34.12 guntas including 0.12 gunta of A *kharab*, Survey No.153/4, measuring 8 1/4 guntas including 1/4 gunta of A *kharab* and Survey No.162/2, measuring 2 acres 07 guntas, totally ad measuring about 3 acres 10.00 guntas including 1 gunta of A *kharab* all situated at Nandagudi Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, hereinafter referred to as "**Schedule Property**" and that till date the below listed original documents are not traceable despite diligent search.

List of documents pertaining to the Schedule Property:

Sl. No.	Date	Particulars of Documents
1.	July 29, 1980	Gift deed executed by Muniga alias Muniyappa, son of Nayakara Appanna and Chikkamunivenkatamma, wife of Chikka Muniga alias Chikka Muniyappa in favour of Lakshmamma, wife of Muniyappa and Pillamma, wife of Munishamappa and registered as document No. 1502/1980-81, Book I, volume 1594 at pages 155 to 158, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote.
2.	April 30, 1939	Sale deed executed by Subbamma, wife of Nanjachari in favour of Nanjundappa, son of Kadu Mallappa and registered as document No. 1720/1938- 39, Book I, volume 496 at pages 1 and 2, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote.
3.	February 1, 1958	Sale deed executed by K. Nanjundappa in favour of Chikkanna, son of Halumatada Tatappa and registered as document bearing No. 4404/ 1957-58, Book I, volume 875 at pages 203 and 204, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote.
4.	March 30, 1970	Sale deed executed by Munishamappa, son late Chikkanna in favour of H. Chandrachari, son of Narayanachar and registered as Document No. 29/1970-71, Book I, Volume 1270 at pages 125 to 127 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Hoskote.
5.	October 15, 1980	Sale deed dated executed by Narayanappa, son of Chikkanna infavour of Muniyappa, son of Nayakara Narasimhaiah and registered as document bearing No. 2602/1980-81, Book I, volume 1603 at pages 200 and 201, in the office of the Sub-Registrar Hoskote.

The Owners have filed a complaint bearing Report Nos. 1203333/2004, 1203369/24, 1203278/2024 and 1203243/2024 intimating the loss/misplacement of above original documents with the Bengaluru Rural Police Station, on August 21, 2024 and have requested the jurisdictional police to return the original documents, in the event of such documents being traced or anyone finding and delivering the original documents to the Police. Any person or persons having found the original documents may return the same to the undersigned.

Date : 26-08-2024
Place : Bengaluru

Abhilash Pillai
Partner
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
3rd Floor, Prestige Falcon Towers
19, Brunton Road, Off M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 025

APTUS **Aptus Finance India Private Ltd**
8B, Doshi Towers, 205, Poonamalle High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.Telephone: 044-4565 0003

Possession Notice
Appendix IV (Under Rule8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Finance India Private Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 18--04--2024 calling upon the borrowers 1.Mr. Mukthiyar Pasha, 2.Mr. Syed Waseem Pasha and 3.Mr. Mubarak to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for SME Loan in Loan Account No: TKENGE0025466 of Rs. 5,40,327/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Seven Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule **on this 20th day of August 2024.**
The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Aptus Finance India Private Ltd for an amount of **Rs. 5,15,273/-(Rupees Five Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Only) as on 31.07.2024** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Old No. 41, thereafter No. 33 and thereafter Old no. 36, Presently Corporation No. 82, having PID No. 50-39-82, situated at Parathipuram Main Road, Bangalore , Ward No. 50, the Area is also known as 5th Cross, 1st Main Road, Parvathipuram, Measuring East to West 7 ft ,North to South 33 ft in total measuring 231 sq ft , Built –up Area: 1.5 Square having Asbestos sheets roofing and Cement flooring with Jungle wood doors and windows and bounded on: **East By:** Remaining Portion of the same Property sold by the vendor to Hassena Taj , **West By:** Conservancy **North By:** 5th Cross Street, **South By:** Private Property, by of land and building and all other appurtenances attached to the said property. **Boundaries: North By:** 5th Cross Street **South By:** Private Property **East By:** Remaining Portion of the same Property sold by the vendor to Hassena Taj **West By:** Conservancy.

Date: 20.08.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Parvathipuram **Aptus Finance India Private Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my Client is intending to purchase the below mentioned scheduled of the property from the owner Mr. Subba Vaidyanathan S/o. Late S. Vaidyanathan owning property at No: 794/A, 17th F2 Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095.
If any body is having any objections, claims, interested third party for the above intended Purchase transaction, he/she/they may contact the undesigned with the documentary proof substantiating from his/her/their objection or claims or details of the disputes within **07 days** from the date of this publication, failing which client will proceed to complete the purchase Transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims or objections or disputes in respect of the schedule property and there after no claims/ objections/ dispute will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site bearing No.794/A, 17th F2 Main Road, 6th Block, in Koramangala Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West 12.02 mtrs and North to South 9.15 mtrs., together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.774/A, **North by :** Site No. 794/B, **South by :** Site No.794. BBMP Ward No. 151.

Mr. Shrath Gowda
Shrath law Associates, 504, 6th Cross, Koramangala 6th Block, Club Road. Bangalore - 560095.
Mobile: +91 - 9916000444 / 9845192322

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the General Public that my client **R.Abdul Gaffoor Saheb**, No.99, HBR Layout, 1st Block, 1st Stage, Bengaluru- 560043, has negotiated with Dr.M.J.Mohan, S/o. of the late Dr.M.V.Jayaraman, to purchase the schedule property for a valuable sale consideration and if anyone is having any right, claim or interest over the same or any objection for said transaction, the same may be intimated to me with supporting documents **within 10 days** from the date of publishing this notice, failing which sale transaction will be completed and any objection received thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of composite immovable property now known as and bearing Corporation No.78/1, PID No.92-1-78/1, situated at Nandidurga Road, in Corporation Ward No.92. Jayamahal. Bangalore. and bounded on the: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Nandidurga Road, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Private Property.
In all measuring about 57' + 56' / 2 x 71' + 81' / 2 Totally measuring about 4322.25 Sq.ft. or 401.696 square meters,

JANARDHAN .G, Advocate,
No.4/14, 1st Floor, K.Kamaraj Road, Bangalore 560042. Mob: 9448360409

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to Purchase the Schedule Property from its owner Dr. S. Gurumurthy. The Owner represents that he is the absolute owner to the Schedule Property and have good, marketable right, title and interest therein.
Apart from the above owner, if any person has any manner claim right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same shall be filed with the undersigned with supporting documents **with 10 (Ten) days** from the date of this notice. Objections and or claims received after the expiry of stipulated time will not be binding on my client and my clients will proceed with the Sale Transaction.
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being the residential site bearing number -1A, PID Number 55-445-1/A including the marginal land, measuring East to West a) (9.55 + 15.65)/2mtrs b)6.0mtrs c)2.98mtrs and North to South a) 24.40mtrs, b) 5.70+1.10/2mtrs and 1.10+0.60/2mtrs in all measuring about 329.46 square meters 3546.27 sq. feet., situated at 100 feet Ring Road, 5th Block, 3rd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Sy No. 11 & 12 of Ittamadu Layout, Bangalore -560 085, well within the limits of BBMP, Ward No. 55, Padmanabha Nagar, bounded on the:
East by: Site No.1,
West by: Private Property,
North by: 100 feet Ring Road,
South by: BDA Property.

Sd/- Shri. Basavaraj Patil, Advocate,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I Sri. B.M. Prabhakar, aged about 47 years, S/o. late Sri. B.N. Manjappa, residing at Akkanahalli cross village and post nuggehalli hobli, Akkanahalli, Hassan Karnataka- 573131., has lost the original Sale Deed dated 12/02/2020, registered vide document bearing No. BNS-1-20025/2019-20, Book I, stored in C.D. No. BNSD971, in the office of the sub-registrar, Banasawadi, Bangalore.
(This publication is made based on the complaint/lost report reference No. 1209080/2024, dated 25/08/2024).
If found please contact 9448213125 or handover to the nearest police station.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that **"Concord Investments"**, a partnership firm registered under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 having its place of business and registered office at DivyaSree Chambers, Wing 'A', No. 11, O' Shaugnessy Road, Bangalore - 560 025 is the sole and absolute owner with right, title, interest and is in actual physical possession of the immovable property admeasuring 25 acres as morefully described in the Schedule herein below **("Schedule Property")**, along with other properties.
The general public is hereby further informed that, Concord Investments, along with some partners **("Plaintiffs")**, have filed an O.S. No. 891/2023 before the Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge and JMFC Devanahalli **("Hon'ble Court")**, against CFM Asset Reconstruction Private Limited and others **("Defendants")**, praying for an order of injunction restraining the said Defendants from interfering with the Plaintiffs' right, title and interest and peaceful possession of the Schedule Property. The Hon'ble Court has granted ad interim order of temporary injunction on 02nd September, 2023 and extended from time to time, restraining the Defendants from interfering with the Plaintiffs' peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property in any manner. The said order of temporary injunction continues to be in force and is operative.
It has come to the knowledge of the Plaintiffs that some of the Defendants and/or third parties acting at their behest, are attempting to circumvent the temporary injunction and is/are in negotiations for creating third party interest and right on the Schedule Property, in disregard to the orders passed by the Hon'ble Court. The general public are hereby cautioned not to transact with any of the Defendants in relation to the Schedule Property or any portion thereof, in view of the pendency of the suit and the temporary injunction granted therein, and any transaction entered into with the Defendants shall be in contravention of the temporary injunction granted by the Hon'ble Court and would not be binding on the Plaintiffs or the Schedule Property in any manner whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of immovable properties situated in Akkilenahalli and Mallenahalli Villages, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, admeasuring approximately 25 acres, as per details set out below:

Survey No.	Extent		Boundaries			
	Acres	Guntas	East by	West by	North by	South by
37/5(P)	11	37	Sy. No. 37/2	Sy. No. 37/11	Remaining portion of Sy. No. 37/5	Sy. No. 40
37/11(P)	1	7	Sy. No. 37/5	Sy. Nos. 37/27 and 37/12	Remaining portion of Sy. No. 37/11	Sy. No. 39
39	7	14	Sy. No. 40	Sy. Nos. 38	Sy. Nos. 37/1	Sy. No. 37/32
40	4	22	Remaining portion of Sy. No. 40 & 1	Sy. Nos. 39	Sy. Nos. 37/5	Sy. No. 31

Place: Bengaluru **Rashmi Deshpande,** Advocate
Date: 24.08.2024 Neelaganga, 2nd Floor, #91/1 Nandidurga Road, Jayamahal Extn, Bengaluru-46

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CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: " CHOLA CREST " C 54 & 55, Super B – 4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032
Branch Addres : Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45& 45/1), 2nd Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560 027.
Branch Addres : 2nd Floor, No.1143, MIG 16th B Cross 2nd Stage, 'B' Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore – 560064

POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules made there under.The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.
Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstandingincluding all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl No [A]	Name and Address of Borrower Loan A/c [B]	Date of Demand notice [C]	Outstanding Amount [D]	Details of Property [E]	Date of Possession [F]
1	**1.Manjunath Chandrashekar 2.Nirmala .M. 3.Chikka Bhagya 4.Manjunath Purushotham:** All are at: No.16, Sri Manjunatha Nilaya, 1st Cross,Near Bharathi Petrol Bunk, Aadharsha Nagar, R T Nagar, Bangalore -560032 **5.Surya Book Supplier,** No.13, K R L Nilaya Ground Floor, C.C.Ramaiah Layout, 8th Cross,Bangalore, Karnataka 560032 **(Loan A/c No. HE01YAA00000024556)**	05-06-2024	Rs. 60,10,682/- as on 05-06-2024 and interest thereon	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No.16 Formed In Assessment No.40, New No.40/2, Situated At Nagawara Village , Kasaba Hobli, Bangalroe North Taluk, Now Presently Comes Under The Limits Of BBMP And Bounded On : East By : Private Property, West By : Road, North By : Site No.15 Belongs To Yashodara, South : Road, Measuring East To West 37.6 Feet And North To South 24.4 Feet Along With Constructed Building Thereon , Within The Registraion District Of Bangalore And Sub Registration Office.	23.08.2024
2	**1.Gangondanahalli Krishna Murthy Keshavamurthy 2.Doddaiah Vijayalakshmi 3.Vijayasiri Granites And Exports** No.111, Beeralingeshwara Nilaya, Dasanpura Hoblibus Stop, Gangondanahalli, Bangalore 562123. **(Loan A/c No.HE01BAN00000020439)**	05-06-2024	Rs. 29,99,218/- as on 05-06-2024 and interest thereon	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Assessment No.69/3A, Measuring East To West :55 Feet And North To South : 75Feet Totally Measuring 4125.Sq.Feet. Situated At Gangodanahalli Grama , Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently Within The Limit Of Lakshmipura Gram Panchayath And Bounded On : East By : Road, West By : Remaining Portion Of Same Property, North By : Road, South By : Remaining Portion Of Same Property. Measuring East To West 55 Feet And North To South 75 Feet Totally Measuring 4125 Square Feet.	23.08.2024
3	**1.Kotiyan Rahul 2.Padma Rahul Kotian** Both are at: No.232, 7th D, Main, 4th Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka 560079. **3.Padma Rahul Kotian 4.Dee Fisherman Express LLP** No.151, Shreegandhakavalu, Chandhan Layout 2nd Main, Magadi Main Road, Sunkadakatte Bangalore, Karnataka 560091 **(Loan A/c No.HE01GAL00000025304)**	05-06-2024	Rs. 75,92,972/- as on 05-06-2024 and interest thereon	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No.232/1, Northern Side Building Consisting Ground Floor 1St Floor And 2Nd Floor Houses , Measuring 25X27 Feet Each Floor & Terrace Floor And 1/3Rd Uds In Site No.232, Situated At West Of Chord Road Iv Stage ,Iii Block, Extension , Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore , Presently Within The Limits Of Bbmp And Bounded On The : East By : 25Feet Road, West By : Others Property, North By : Site No.4, South By : Site No.02, With In The Registration District Of Bangalore And Sub Registration Office.	23.08.2024

Date : 26.08.2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

KOLAR-CHIKKABALLAPUR DIST., CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED., KOLAR
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Sl. No.	Tender Name	Details	Capacity of the Vehicle
1	UHT Milk Transportation for Defence Units	Tenders are invited from Registered Transport Companies for Transportation of UHT Milk from Kolar dairy to Northern command	25 MT

units of Jammu & Kashmir State and Eastern Command units of Nagaland, Megalaya and Arunachalpradesh. The Approximate quantity to be supplied for the year is given below:

Command Name	Sl. No.	Station Name	Approx. Quantity	Security Deposit
Northern Command	1	Chowkibal	11.46 Lakh ltrs	12 Lakh
	2	Narian	8.26 Lakh ltrs	10 Lakh
Eastern Command	3	Dimapur	3.00 Lakh ltrs	5 Lakh
	4	Shilong	1.49 Lakh ltrs	3 Lakh
	5	Zakhama	3.10 Lakh ltrs	5 Lakh
	6	Tezu	8.00 Lakh ltrs	10 Lakh
	7	Anini	1.40 Lakh ltrs	3 Lakh

The Contractor can have access to the E-tender Documents through the following website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** and to access the each station an EMD amount of **Rs. 35000/-** paid in favour of e-procurement government of Karnataka.

The Calendar of events is given below.

(1) Access to E-tender Documents: **26.08.2024 to 10.09.2024 within 05.00 PM. (2)** Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications: **05.09.2024, within 05.00 PM. (3)** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: **10.09.2024, within 05.00 PM. (4)** Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **13.09.2024, 11.00 AM onwards. (5)** Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **19.09.2024, 11.00 AM onwards. (6)** Place of Opening of Technical and Financial Bid : **Kolar – Chikkaballapur Milk Union's Head Office, Kolar.**
The Details such as EMD, Cost of Tender forms, Terms and conditions of the tender can be obtained through the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Managing Director
Kolar–Chikkaballapur Milk Union Ltd.,

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AFTER over a year of deliberation, the committee constituted to review the pension scheme for government employees has come up with the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), which is the middle ground between the National Pension System (NPS) and the Old Pension Scheme (OPS).

We will look at every feature of the new scheme in comparison with the existing NPS and the OPS, which the government employees have been demanding for.

Features of UPS

The UPS will be an 'improvement' over the NPS as it addresses three major concerns of the government employees – a pension which is not market linked; their pension is protected from inflation; and a minimum assured pension for employees who have a shorter service. Under UPS, the government will ensure that employees receive a pension equivalent to 50% of their last drawn basic salary for a minimum qualifying service of 25 years. For employees who have short service of a minimum 10 years, a proportionate amount will be given as pension.

In the event of the pensioner's death, the family will receive 60% of the pension amount that was being disbursed at the time of the pensioner's passing. The scheme guarantees government employees a minimum monthly pension of ₹10,000 after retirement, provided they have completed a minimum of 10 years of service. The pension is inflation-linked under UPS, which means every year the pension amount would increase based on the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (AICPI-IW). The same index is followed for paying dearness allowances to serving employees. The scheme also has a provision for lump sum payment at retirement in addition to gratuity. The lump sum amount would be 1/10th of monthly emolument (basic pay + DA) on retirement for every completed six months of service. The scheme is available for existing government employees under NPS or those who were under NPS but are now retired. If an employee decides to shift to UPS, arrears, if any, for the past period will be paid with interest at PPF rates. The scheme is available to 23 lakh Central government employees. However, the same architecture has been designed for adoption by state governments. If all the state governments adopt the new scheme, over 90 lakh government employees, who are presently on NPS, may benefit from the UPS.

UPS vs NPS and OPS

The Unified Pension Scheme is an improvement over NPS, however, it is fiscally much more prudent than the old pension system, in which the government would make the full contribution towards the pension of its employees. Pankaj Mathpal, founder and managing director, Optima Money Managers, says unlike NPS where the pension is not guaranteed and will depend on the performance of the fund, a guaranteed pension will be available for the government employee under UPS. "Under NPS, the subscriber has to buy the annuity from an insurance company and the annuity rate is not attractive. Moreover, the annuity is not inflation linked. On the other side, under UPS, the pension is linked to inflation and guaranteed at 50% of the average salary of the last 12 months before superannuation," says Mathpal comparing UPS with NPS. Under UPS, the government contribution towards employees' pension kitty will be 18.5% compared to 14% of the salary under the NPS.

The old pension scheme is a defined benefit plan, under which the employees do not need to contribute for their pensions in future. Under this, the amount of pension is 50% of the last basic pay or average of the basic pay drawn during the last 10 months of the service, whichever is higher. Minimum pension under OPS is ₹9,000 per month. Maximum limit on pension is 50% of the highest pay in the government of India (presently ₹125,000 per month). Normal family pension is at a uniform rate of 30% of pay last drawn, subject to a minimum of ₹9,000. The minimum eligibility period for receiving pension is 10 years.

The OPS also has a provision for dearness allowance to the pensioner. Under this, a Central government employee has an option to withdraw up to 40% of the pension into a lump sum payment.

This will, however, result in reduction in the pension amount. However, the dearness relief will continue to be calculated on the basis of the original pension without reduction of the commuted portion.

UPS vs NPS vs OPS

FEATURES	UNIFIED PENSION SCHEME	NATIONAL PENSION SYSTEM	OLD PENSION SCHEME
Assured pension	**50%** of average last **12** months salary	No assured pension	**50%** of the average last **10** months of salary
Assured family Pension	**60%** of the last drawn pension	Depends on the accumulated corpus	**30%** of pay last drawn subject to a minimun of **₹9,000**
Assured Minimum Pension	**₹10,000**	Not applicable	**₹9,000**
Employee Contribution	**10%** of basic + DA	**10%** of basic + DA	Nil
Govt contribution	**18.5%** of Basic + DA	**14%** of Basic + DA	Full contribution
Dearness Relief	Available	Not applicable	Available
Lump Sum payment	**1/10th** of basic pay + DA on retirement for every completed six months of service	**60%** of the corpus	**1/4th** of a month's Basic Pay + DA drawn on retirement for each completed six months

MONEY MATTERS

AMERICA'S ECONOMY AND YOUR MONEY

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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THE United States of America is the central bank of the world. Everyone watches statements emanating out of the US Federal Reserve like a hawk. Jerome Powell, the chairman of the top central bank, said that the time was ripe for the US to make policy adjustments. That means America will move towards reducing interest rates hiked rapidly soon after the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be a gradual process to ensure that the US economy continues to grow without fears of any inflationary pressures.

The interest rate policy action directly affects foreign flows into emerging markets. As the US reduces borrowing rates, money flows from assets denominated in the US dollar to emerging markets. With a strong hint about rate cuts, money would start moving swiftly. That causes asset prices across non-US markets to rise. Investors flock to low-value equity, commodity or property markets.

Much commentary talks about India being a destination preferred by investors moving out of underperforming markets like China. However, share prices in India are already sky-high. They are trading at a record-high valuation compared to previous years. That means expectations of future profits in India are already in the current market price. As a result, analysts are highly cautious about Indian equities. For Indian shares to do well, profits must grow faster than now.

The minutes of the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy committee meeting published last week show that listed private manufacturing companies show sales and profits softened in the first quarter of fiscal year 2024-25. Consumer confidence fell, and the business expectations index has moderated since the previous quarter. In its outlook, RBI has reduced the first-quarter growth forecast.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Within RBI's monetary policy committee, calls for rate cuts are rising. Professor Jayanth R Varma and Ashima Goyal, the two members of the committee, called for a cut in the repo rate, the rate at which RBI lends money to the banks. However, the committee voted to keep borrowing rates unchanged due to fears of a surge in food inflation contributing to consumer price inflation.

However, financial markets need faster economic growth. High interest rates stall any future business expansion, affecting profits. While government expenditure could surge in the infrastructure sector and boost economic activity, India needs private investment to add to the economic growth. In 2025, the RBI may have to consider reducing borrowing rates.

What it means to your money

Interest rates in India are unlikely to go down quickly. India's borrowing rate cuts are likely to lag that of the US. That means you will continue to enjoy high returns on your fixed deposits. Equity markets will likely remain stagnant until businesses show faster profit growth. The money flowing into equity markets through mutual funds and the Life Insurance Corporation of India will likely create a bottom for the markets. That means share prices are unlikely to fall significantly even as prospects for a rapid rise in share prices could diminish.

A phase of stagnancy in financial markets is not such a bad thing. You can spend a lot of time learning about the impact of monetary policy on the economy and the economy of the listed companies. This is an excellent time to work with a financial advisor and understand the interplay between global interest rates, India's economy and your money. You need to build your investment team. If you already have an advisor, you must enhance the scope of your engagement with them by asking questions. You must learn about financial flows influenced by monetary policy or macroeconomics. If you are uninterested to dive deep, you should resort to passive investing through a broader index fund or an exchange-traded fund.

Diversify your money according to your ability to know things. If you have the bandwidth to learn about risks and returns equations, you should enhance your allocation to equities. However, if you find learning about finance challenging, continue to hold on to your gold, property, life insurance policies, fixed deposits, public provident funds and guaranteed pension funds.

MONEY-WISE

DO NOT WAIT FOR THE MARKET TO CORRECT

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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THE Index has reached 80,000 (Sensex). Is it a good time to sell some shares and sit on the sidelines? Should I stop my SIP and start after some time?

Should I reduce my SIP in large-cap funds and invest in mid-cap funds? Or should I invest in a multi-cap NFO? I have been asked these questions at 25,000, at 35k, and of course at 50k and now at 80k. The truth is, I have no idea.

This looks like a simple question, but it has the following questions hidden in it:

- Will the market fall from here?
- If it falls how long will it be down?
- When should I start buying again?
- When should I start doing the SIP again?
- Will mid-cap perform better than large-cap?
- Till what level will it fall?
- Should I start buying in 2/3 months or wait longer?
- What if this is wrong?

Honestly, let us say I tell the reader "I do think the market is too high, you should sell your large cap shares (Sensex represents the large cap shares, right?) and wait" – and the reader does that.

Then let us assume that the market goes to 82,000 in a week – and then falls to 75,000, do you think the reader will be happy?

No. He may have panicked and bought again at 81,000 and felt good at 82,000! Or he might be cursing me for the WRONG advice – or wrong reading of the market. Later on, he is likely to tell me "You could have asked me to sell at 82,000 instead of 80,000".

People anchor around round numbers like 75,000 or 80,000 – maybe because it is easy. Actually, this is just a number and has absolutely no significance in the life of an index.

Most of us know that saying "now the market will do this or that" makes no sense – however, it does attract a lot of readers who think that there is a simple answer.

Those who have been in the equity markets in the past 21 years (that is a long time is it not?) think the market is just a long, long bull market and there will be a few short dips of 2-3 months. None of them have seen a long bear market. Many of them do not even know that the market can go down.

In the long run for a person to make money, there is no great need to be able to predict how the market will move in the next month or next quarter. If they are optimistic about the prospects of the world or any one country in particular, they should just invest in the index of that country.

There are enough people who will tell you that people have lost money waiting for the market to change – and the opportunity lost while waiting is really huge.

If you are really a long-term investor please do not wait for the 'Market to correct' – it is difficult. Just start an SIP and keep investing REGULARLY. If you see the markets coming down, just put a lump sum into the same fund from time to time. This will ensure that you accumulate a decent time over the next few decades – and you will have enough money to meet your goals.

Anil Ambani reviewing Sebi order banning him from capital markets

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

ANIL Ambani is reviewing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) order imposing a fine and banning him from capital markets for five years in an alleged fund diversion case and will take appropriate next steps as legally advised, his spokesperson said in a statement on Sunday.

Ambani had resigned from the board of Reliance Infrastructure and Reliance Power, pursuant to Sebi's interim order dated February 11, 2022 in the matter pertaining to Reliance Home Finance Ltd. Ambani "is in compliance with the said interim order (of February 11, 2022) for the last two and half years," the statement added.

On the order that banned him from the securities market for five years on charges of diversion of funds, the spokesperson said, "Mr Ambani is reviewing the final order dated August 22, 2024 passed by Sebi in the said matter, and will take appropriate next steps as legally advised." Sebi had also imposed a fine of ₹25 crore on Ambani, saying he orchestrated a scheme to "siphon off" funds from Reliance Home Finance, a listed subsidiary of conglomerate Reliance Group of which he is chairman.

In a separate statement, Reliance Infrastructure said it "was not a notice or party to the proceedings before Sebi in which the order is passed. No directions are given in the order against Reliance Infrastructure Ltd". "Mr Ambani had resigned from the board of directors of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd pursuant to the interim order dated February 11, 2022 passed by Sebi in the same proceedings. Therefore, the order dated August 22, 2024 passed by Sebi has no bearing whatsoever on the business and affairs of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd," it said.

Heavy GST penalties on co executives face legal scrutiny

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

THE Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DGGI) has issued thousands of notices to various companies, as well as their directors and promoters, regarding the wrongful availment of input tax credit (ITC), according to sources. This tax dispute primarily concerns the failure of the vendors to remit taxes to the government, in addition to other issues related to credit availment and utilisation.

According to experts, a key question arising from this situation is whether tax liability can be imposed on the service recipients, especially when they are not at fault. The ongoing investigations highlight the complexities surrounding tax compliance and the responsibilities of all parties involved in the supply chain.

According to the show cause notice reviewed by TNIE, the interesting element of these notices which have been issued, especially for the financial year 2017-18, by the first week of August, is whether the liabilities imposed by way of personal penalties is correct. In some cases, penalties as high as 100% of the disputed tax amount have been imposed on the directors and the promoters of the company.

The imposition of such high penalties have created a lot of chaos in the industry, as the finance minister has clearly articulated that there should not be any harassment of the taxpayers.

The technical point which comes to the forefront is whether these individuals can be subject to such high personal penalties. Experts claim that such allegations to impose personal penalties on the individuals will have to cross the test of constitutional validity and such harsh penalties may not be sustained once these matters reach either the appeal forums or the jurisdictional High courts.

"The directors, promoters, or the individuals can be subject to personal penalties only under specified exceptional circumstances and rarest of rare cases when benefit is retained for individual gains. When benefit has not been retained by these individuals, any penalty invoked on individuals will be subject to the test of constitutional validity before the jurisdictional High Court" explained Abhishek A Rastogi, founder of Rastogi Chambers, who has filed petitions against these huge penalties levied on individuals.

"The burden to prove the malafide intent will be on the revenue in such cases, especially when no part is retained in the individual capacity", added Rastogi.

Lenders of RCAP raise concerns over ₹7.3k crore debt mobilisation by IIHL

PTI @New Delhi

LENDERS to debt-ridden Reliance Capital (RCAP) have raised concerns regarding the term sheet provided by the Hinduja Group firm IIHL for ₹7,300 crore debt mobilisation to fund acquisition.

The committee of creditors (CoC) has expressed concerns that bankers to IndusInd International Holdings Ltd (IIHL) have imposed numerous conditions for offering ₹7,300 crore debt and some of these conditions can only be met by IIHL after the resolution plan has been executed, sources said.

This makes the drawdown of funds needed to settle payments to the debtors of RCAP for the resolution plan virtually impossible, sources said. Besides, sources said, the term sheets indicate that additional terms and conditions may be introduced in the final binding agreements.

The CoC has requested that IIHL should also provide these definitive documents for review, they said. Notably, IIHL is raising ₹7,300 crore through debt to finance the RCAP resolution plan, while the balance ₹2,750 crore via equity or cash which IIHL has deposited in the COC's escrow accounts.

IIHL has appointed 360 One and Barclays for raising ₹7,300 crore through debt. Out of this, 360 One has been mandated to raise ₹5,000 crore, while ₹2,300 crore is being raised by Barclays. According to sources, the term sheets for ₹7,300 crore were shared with the CoC on the directions of the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai.

Norris stuns Verstappen to win Dutch Grand Prix

McLaren's Lando Norris stormed to victory at the Dutch Grand Prix on Sunday, a superb drive consigning home favourite Max Verstappen to his first-ever loss in front of his "Orange Army" fans. The British driver claimed his second career chequered flag after winning in Miami in May, closing Verstappen's lead over him in the world championship to 70 points.

MAJOR SERVICE: SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY-CHASING NOVAK

Serb has the chance to break multiple records; Carlos & Jannik will be looking to deny him

AGENCIES @ New York

NOVAK Djokovic, fuelled by an emotional Olympic triumph, has new Grand Slam records in his sights at the US Open, where title rival Jannik Sinner hopes to shake off a doping controversy. Defending champion Djokovic can become the oldest Open era champion at the tournament if he secures a fifth title, a record he would share with Jimmy Connors, Pete Sampras and Roger Federer. The 37-year-old would also move to 25 Grand Slam triumphs, taking him clear of the 24 he currently shares with Margaret Court.

The final Grand Slam of the year comes at a critical time for Djokovic. This year he was succeeded as Australian Open champion by Sinner who also relieved him of his world number one ranking.

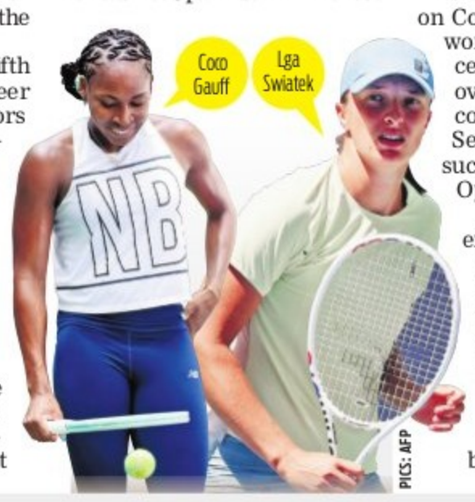
Carlos Alcaraz took his French Open title with the Spanish crowd-pleaser then sweeping Djokovic off court in a one-sided Wimbledon final. However, Djokovic, returned to the clay courts of Roland Garros to stun Alcaraz in the Olympic final in what he Saturday called "the greatest achievement and greatest highlight of my career overall, winning the gold for Serbia."

Djokovic became just the fifth player to complete a career Golden Slam of all four Majors and Olympic gold. The victory also silenced the increasing number of doubters who had written off the Serb as a spent force. Sinner, meanwhile, arrives after an emotionally draining doping investigation, in which he escaped a lengthy ban after officials accepted his explanation that the banned substance entered his system as a result of contamination from a support team member. Alcaraz, who won his first major at the US Open in 2022, was badly bruised by his defeat to Djokovic in the Olympic final. He broke down in tears on court and said he felt he had "let Spain down". He lost his cool in a second-round exit at Cincinnati and tweaked an ankle in practice at Flushing Meadows, but insisted he'd be "100 percent" for his first-round match on Tuesday.

> People ask me 'now that you have basically won everything with the gold medal (Paris Games), what else is there to win?' I still feel the drive. I still have the competitive spirit. I still want to make more history and enjoy myself on the tour. — Novak Djokovic

Defending women's champion Coco Gauff has endured a worrying dip in form in recent weeks, raising doubts over whether she could become the first woman since Serena Williams in 2014 to successfully defend her US Open crown.

A stormy third-round exit from the Olympics was followed by early defeats in Toronto and Cincinnati. Five-time Major winner and World No 1 Iga Swiatek, the 2022 champion, made the Cincinnati semifinals where she was defeated by Aryna Sabalenka.



SELECT MATCHES (MONDAY): Men's singles: C Ruud (NORx8) vs B Yunchaokete (CHN); A Rublev (RUSx6) vs T Seyboth Wild (BRA); K Jacquet (FRA) vs G Dimitrov (BULx9); M Marterer (GER) vs A Zverev (GERx4). **Women's singles:** C Gauff (USAx3) vs V Gracheva (FRA); YF Wang (CHN) vs M Sakkari (GREx9); QW Zheng (CHNx7) vs A Anisimova (USA) **INDIA WATCH:** Sumit Nagal (IND) vs T Griekspoor (NED) (Estimated to be held on Tuesday — early morning IST). ● *Live on Sony Pictures Networks*

Djokovic and Alcaraz's take on doping case

AGENCIES @ New York

DJOKOVIC called for "clear protocols" and "standardized approaches" to tennis doping cases on Saturday.

Djokovic said players who have bemoaned a lack of transparency in the Sinner case make a valid point. "I understand the frustration of the players is there because of lack of consistency," he said. "As I understood, his case was cleared the moment basically it was announced. But, you know, I think five or six months passed since the news (of the positive tests) was brought to him and his team. "So, yeah, there is a lot of issues in the system," Djokovic said. "We see lack of standardized and clear protocols. I can understand the sentiments of a lot of players that are questioning whether they are treated the same."

Alcaraz indicated on Saturday he thought there was more to the case than had been made public, but he declined to criticize the ITIA decision. "You know, I am pretty sure that there are a lot of things that we don't know, you know, inside the team or inside everything," Alcaraz said. "But if they let Jannik to keep playing, (it's) for something. They said he's innocent, so that's all I know and that's all I can talk about."

Djokovic said the case was a prime example of why the sport needs the controversial Professional Tennis Players Association, which he helped found to give players a greater voice in the sport.

UTT: Sharath powers Chennai to win over Delhi; Jaipur open account

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

Chennai Lions' A Sharath Kamal in action on Sunday | ASHWIN PRASATH

AFTER losing the season opener to Bengaluru Smashers 4-11 a couple of days back, home favourites and runners-up from the previous season, Chennai Lions registered their first victory beating Dabang Delhi 8-7 to get their campaign back on track at the Ultimate Table Tennis on Sunday. Diya Chitale's dominating 3-0 win came too late for Delhi as they remain winless in the fifth season of the competition. In the second fixture of the day, Jaipur Patriots opened their account with a dominating 9-6 win over U Mumba despite Manav Thakkar's efforts in mixed doubles and men's singles fixtures.

A Sharath Kamal made a strong comeback for Chennai after a stunning 3-0 loss to Bengaluru's Jeet Chandra in the first match. Sharath showed his class in a 2-1 win over Delhi's Andreas Levenko in the tie's first men's singles, unleashing a range of powerful smashes on the Austrian making his debut. His teammate Sakura Mori from Japan followed suit in the women's singles as she defeated Orawan Paranang, 2-1, to extend Chennai Lions' lead. Mori proved her prowess in difficult circumstances, staying in control of the match despite repeated fightbacks from her opponent from Thailand. In the mixed doubles match, where Sharath and Mori faced Delhi's Sathiyan Gnanasekaran and Paranang, Chennai gained another two points. Jules Rolland defeated Sathiyan as Chennai took an 8-4 lead. Chitale fought her way back to stun Chennai's Poymantee Baisya, however, it was too little too late for her side as Delhi could only reach seven points.

For Jaipur, Cho Seungmin, playing just his second match of UTT, set a platform once he defeated Aruna Quadri 3-0 in the opening round of the fixture against Mumbai. Coming off a stunning win against Delhi in their previous fixture, Mumbai could not continue the momentum as their Spanish import Maria Xiao lost to Suthasini Sawettabut of Thailand in the women's singles round. At this time in the fixture, Jaipur were four points ahead of Mumbai, but the latter came back in the mixed doubles event as the pair of Xiao and Thakkar combined to give their side the first win of the day when they overruled the challenge of Nithyashree Mani and Cho 2-1.

Thakkar then made a sensational comeback against Snehit SFR to take the fourth (men's singles) fixture towards Mumbai's way. With five points in their kitty compared to Jaipur's seven, Mumbai needed a clean sweep in the final match of the day when Nithyashree faced Asian Games bronze medalist Sutirtha Mukherjee. Mani, who replaced injured Sreeja Akula, took this match 2-1 as Jaipur sealed the win.

Results: Jaipur Patriots bt U Mumba TT 9-6; Chennai Lions bt Dabang Delhi TTC 8-7.

EXPRESS READ

Fatima named Pakistan captain

KARACHI: The Pakistan Cricket Board has named 22-year-old Fatima Sana as their captain, replacing Nida Dar for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup in UAE from October 3-20. The selectors, however, have retained the 37-year-old Nida in the squad.

Duplantis sets pole vault world record

CHORZOW: Olympic champion Armand Duplantis improved his own pole vault world record by a centimetre at Diamond League Silesia, posting a mark of 6.26 m on his second attempt. He broke the mark of 6.25m he set when defending his Olympic title in Paris 2024.

Sable finishes 14th in Silesia Diamond League

SILESIA (POLAND): India's top 3000m steeplechaser Avinash Sable finished a disappointing 14th in the Silesia Diamond League as he failed to impress in a world class field here. The 29-year-old reigning Asian Games champ clocked 8 minute 29.96 second to finish near the bottom. Seventeen runners completed the race while three did not finish.

Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain (R) greets his players after the win | AFP

Najmul dedicates B'desh's win to protest victims

AGENCIES @ Rawalpindi

BANGLADESH captain Najmul Hossain Shanto said his team's first win in Test cricket against Pakistan on Sunday was a tribute to people killed during protests that toppled former premier Sheikh Hasina. The South Asian nation endured weeks of student-led protests that ultimately forced Hasina to resign and flee to India this month after 15 years of autocratic rule.

"We are paying tribute to the individuals who recently passed away in our nation during the protest and we are praying for their souls," Najmul said after his side's 10-wicket victory in the first Test in Rawalpindi. More than 450 people were killed during the protests, many by police fire.

Bangladesh's tour to Pakistan was hit by a lack of preparation, with foreign coaches unable to attend training sessions because of travel warnings. However, the new interim government, led by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus, allowed the two-Test tour to Pakistan to go ahead.

Brief scores: Pakistan 448/6d & 146 (Rizwan 51; Mehidy Hasan 4/21, Shakib 3/44) **lost to** Bangladesh 565 & 30/0 (Zakir 15 n.o).

The Indian surfing team that captured the silver medal at the Maruhaba Cup during the Asian Surfing Championships in Maldives

Silver surfers: India show team spirit

AGENCIES @ Thulusdhoo (Maldives)

JUST a day after making history by securing its first-ever Asian Games quotas in surfing, the Indian surfing team has added another feather to its cap at the Asian Surfing Championships 2024. The team secured the silver medal by defeating China at the Maruhaba Cup, a prestigious team event. Held at the picturesque Thulusdhoo Island in the Maldives, this competition has not only showcased India's surfing prowess but has also marked a historic moment for Indian sports on the international stage.

The Maruhaba Cup, a significant category within the Asian Surfing Championship, brought together elite surfers from across the continent in a high-stakes team event. India outperformed numerous strong contenders, including China, to secure the coveted silver medal.

The Indian team, consisting of Kamali P, Ajeesh Ali, Srikanth D, and Sanjay Selvamani, secured first place in the Heat 2 semifinal with a total score of 32.16. Chinese Taipei followed in second place with a team score of 29.70, while South Korea finished third with a score of 27.74 in the same semi-final.

In the final, the Indian team competed against Japan best to secure the silver medal, finishing in second place with a team score of 24.13. Chinese Taipei (23.93) and China (22.10) finished third and fourth, respectively. Japan won the gold medal by a substantial margin, with an impressive score of 58.40.

The Indian surfing squad, consisting of talented athletes from coastal Chennai, demonstrated impressive skill and finesse throughout the competition. Their relentless determination and expert wave-riding were pivotal in achieving this podium finish.

India men freestyle wrestlers touch new low

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

EVEN as the women wrestlers created history and won the team title by clinching five gold medals at the U17 World Championships in Amman, Jordan a few days back, their male counterparts touched a new low at the venue by finishing without any medal. In the event where India have been winning at least a couple of medals in men's freestyle wrestling since 2018, the recent show should ring alarm bells for authorities concerned including the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and Sports Authority of India (SAI).

The Indian women got the better of wrestling heavyweights Japan to lift the historic team championship. Given their show, expectations were high from the men freestyle wrestlers. The title might have been a far-fetched aspiration but a few medals were definitely expected. Unfortunately, it was not to be. Among the 10 participants from the country, only Jaspooran Singh managed to reach the bronze medal play-off only to lose it late on Saturday night. Similarly, Vevik got a chance to stake his claim over the 80kg bronze but he lost the repechage round to go out of contention.

FS wrestlers' show (since 2018) at U17 Worlds

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
2024	0	0	0	0
2023	0	2	0	2
2022	1	0	5	6
2021	2	1	3	6
2019	0	0	4	4
2018	0	1	2	3

Note: The event was not held in 2020

Jaspooran Singh (110kg) was only Indian freestyle wrestler to enter the bronze medal play-off | UWW

In 2023, Indian FS wrestlers won two silver at the event. The show at the 2022 edition was even better with Sachin Mor pocketing 80kg gold and five others returning with a bronze each. In 2021, the gold count was two with a silver and three bronze as well in the kitty. India won four bronze in 2019 and a silver and two bronze a year before in the freestyle.

Wrestling has been the only sport to fetch at least a medal in every Olympics since 2008 with Aman Sehrawat continuing the tradition in Paris by bagging 57kg bronze. Ahead of the 2024 Games, the sport, however, suffered an ignominy as only Aman managed to qualify for the Games, the first since 2004, in men's wrestling. Incidentally, the women had created history as five of them earned Paris quotas. The contrasting shows by men and women freestyle wrestlers raise eyebrows as these age-group grapplers are the ones for the future. Sanjay Kumar Singh, WFI president, claims the autonomy of the federation has been compromised which has resulted into such a debacle. "The government should understand. The SAI needs to give full freedom to the WFI as was the case in the past. We have not held a national camp for months now. Wrestlers hardly got any exposure trips. These all factors have been affecting India's show at international events," Singh said.

The WFI chief, however, attributed women's success to discipline and dedication and asserted, "Except for a few first days, most of the women wrestlers were not part of the protest. They in fact trained hard at their centres. Their men counterparts have gone astrayed in the absence of the camps." There may be other reasons for the dismal performance as well but such shows are definitely not a good omen for the future of Indian wrestling.

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Chelsea's Madueke hits hat-trick; Liverpool two good

AGENCIES @ London

NONI Madueke hit a hat-trick as Chelsea crushed Wolves 6-2 to give Enzo Maresca his first Premier League win as Blues boss, while Newcastle rescued a controversial 1-1 draw at Bournemouth on Sunday.

Maresca suffered a 2-0 loss against Manchester City last weekend in his first game since arriving from Leicester to replace Mauricio Pochettino in the close-season.

Chelsea got off the mark under Maresca with a UEFA Conference League play-off victory against Servette on Thursday, but that low-key success was only the prelude to their goal spree at Molineux.

Maresca's side made the perfect start after just 98 seconds when Matheus Cunha could only flick his attempted clearance from a corner towards Nicolas Jackson, who was left unmarked to head in from six yards. Jackson's goal infuriated Wolves fans already angry with Chelsea after Madueke posted and then deleted a critical review of Wolverhampton just hours before kick-off.

Madueke shared his location, which was Wolverhampton, in the post, which read "this place is s**t". He later shared: "Damn wrong Instagram account. You lot are too fast." Cunha hauled the hosts level in the 27th minute as the Brazilian forward tormented the Blues again after last season's hat-trick at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea's Noni Madueke scores against Wolves on Sunday | AFP

In the day's second match, Mohamed Salah was once again in the scoresheet as Liverpool picked up their second successive win. The Merseyside club beat Brentford 2-0 Anfield. Luis Diaz scored in the opening half before Salah's strike in the second. The match marked new manager Arne Slot's first game in charge for Liverpool at Anfield and he'll be pleased with the manner in which his side played.

Three cheers for Real

MADRID: Spanish champions Real Madrid earned a 3-0 win over Real Valladolid in La Liga on Sunday as Kylian Mbappe made his Santiago Bernabeu bow without finding the net.

HOW CAN INDIAN STUDENTS MAKE THE BEST OUT OF THE NEW VISA REGIME IN AUSTRALIA? WHAT DOES AUSTRALIA HAVE TO OFFER? WHY DOES THE SECOND-HIGHEST NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COME FROM INDIA? LET'S DIVE INTO THESE QUESTIONS...

G'DAY, AUSTRALIA – FROM INDIA!

STATE OF ADMISSIONS IN 2024

In the year-to-date May 2024, there were 8,10,960 international student enrollments, up by 17% in the same period in 2019

Indian student numbers by state or territory (can be shown on Australia map)

JANUARY 26
EVERY YEAR, THIS DATE IS CELEBRATED AS AUSTRALIA DAY

JANUARY-APRIL 2024
1,16,610 Indian students studying in Australia, of which, 73,479 were pursuing higher education

10,431.77 km
Distance between Delhi and Sydney

WHILE Australia is considered among the "big four" for international education alongside the United States of America, the United Kingdom, and Canada — this year has been a rather turbulent year for students trying to study in Australia.

This is due to the Australian Government's new visa regime, which aims at restricting the entry of what it calls "non-genuine" applicants. As a result, the visa process has become more stringent, leading to about 50,000 student visas being rejected in the three months leading up to February this year.

While fear and anxiety are palpable among applicants, particularly those from India, the Indian and Australian governments have begun to engage in several collaborative endeavours in the realm of education under the India-Australia bilateral agreement, signed on March 2, 2023.

How must Indian students navigate this contradictory situation? Here are some insights from the Australian Consulate-General in Bengaluru, and the Australian High Commission in New Delhi.

● Could you shed some light on what attracts Indian students to Australia?

There are approximately 1,15,000 Indian student visa holders in Australia. Students from India are the second largest international student cohort in Australia.

On 1 July, there was an increase in the fee for international student visas from AUD710 to AUD1600 (from approximately ₹40,000 to ₹90,000). This increase reflects the rising cost of high-quality education and delivering programmes with integrity. For high-quality student applications going to high-quality education institutions in Australia, visa processing times have never been faster.

In addition, access to post-study work rights for Indian students means graduates can gain practical experience in Australia after completing their studies. This ability to apply acquired skills in real-world settings enhances students' employability and contributes to their long-term career success.

● In the past few years, there have been multiple collaborative endeavours between India and Australia in terms of education. How do you see such collaborations helping Indian students?

The links between Australian and Indian education institutions are strong and extensive. These include research partnerships and Centres of Excellence in India, as well as dual degree arrangements, where students complete part of their degree in India, and the remainder in Australia.

Significantly, the first foreign university branch campus to open in India is an Australian university — Deakin University, in GIFT city. The presence of high-quality Australian institutions based in India also helps reduce the cost of accessing an Australian education and allows students to remain near friends and family.

● How many student visas is the consulate expecting this year?

Australia's international student visa programme remains uncapped.

Demand for studying in Australia can be unpredictable and attributed to a combination of push and pull factors in Australia and competitor markets.

Student visa applications lodged and granted for Indian nationals located outside Australia are trending on par with 2018-19 pre-pandemic levels.

With the suite of changes implemented to strengthen the integrity of the international education sector, the Australian government anticipates student visa activity to normalise and continue to trend at pre-pandemic levels.

● Do the new changes in visa rules for international students impact the number of students wanting to move to Australia to study? Should Indian aspirants be worried?

The changes are a reflection of the Australian government's commitment to delivering managed, sustainable growth and restoring integrity in the international education sector. They are not targeted at a single country.

● There have been over 50,000 visa rejections by Australia in the three months leading up to February 2024. What should Indian students keep in mind to avoid them?

Australia continues to welcome genuine students including those from India. Non-genuine applications and those containing fraud will be refused, irrespective of nationality.

The increase in student visa refusals is a direct result of the Department's integrity-focused approach to student visa processing and increased scrutiny of the caseload to address integrity concerns.

Students must check the eligibility criteria to lodge a student visa (Subclass 500) application and receive a visa grant, and know how to submit an application-ready visa. This information is available on the website of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Australia.

DECLINING MARGINS

Here is why the Australian government has been rejecting student visa applications from international students

1. An increased scrutiny of the spike in visa applications and the impact of recent policy changes have led to a decline in the grant rate.
2. The Australian government reviewed three key policy areas — namely the migration system, exploitation of the visa system, and the international education sectors — which raised integrity concerns in Australia's education & international visa systems.
3. Following the Australian government's response to these reviews, the Australian Department of Home Affairs is applying additional scrutiny to applications suspected of containing fraudulent or misleading information and refusing visa applications containing fraud or for not meeting legislative requirements for a visa grant.
4. Moreover, visa processing times and receiving a visa grant outcome will also depend on the quality and completeness of the visa application lodged and the applicant's responsiveness to requests for additional information.

UNTANGLING THE NEW VISA REGIME

WONDERING if you stand a chance to get your visa approved to study in Australia? Here's a timeline of the changes in the visa regime.

On July 1 this year, Australia's new visa regime came to effect. These changes, introduced to crack down on "non-genuine" or fraudulent visa applications, make the visa application process more stringent. It is important to keep yourself abreast of these updates so that you can apply for your student visa easily.

THE CHANGES ARE

- Applicants who already hold certain visas, such as the Temporary Graduate Visa cannot apply for a student visa. This measure has been introduced to present "visa hopping".
- Genuine Student (GS) requirement replaces the Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirement for Student visas, to ensure that applicants are only there in Australia to study.
- The new minimum IELTS score for Temporary Graduate Visa applicants has been increased to 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each band, and the test validity window has decreased to 1 year.
- The new minimum IELTS score for student visa applicants has been increased to 6, and 5.0 for students wanting to take English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS).
- Student applicants will have to show they have at least Australian Dollars 29,710, or ₹ 16,29,964 in savings to qualify.
- International students will no longer be allowed to enroll in two courses simultaneously within the first six months of their principal course.
- Visa Application Charge (VAC) for Student and Student Guardian visas increased to $1600 from $710.

Visa after graduation

What is the Temporary Graduate Visa stream offered by the Australian government?

THE Temporary Graduate (Subclass 485) visa provides students who recently graduated from an Australian educational institution the opportunity to live and work in Australia temporarily, following the completion of their studies.

The streams under this visa, that is. the Graduate Work visa and the Post Study Work visa were renamed on July 1 this year to avoid confusion:

- The Graduate Work stream was renamed to the Post-Vocational Education Work visa. If the applicant's eligible qualification is an associate degree, diploma or trade qualification, they should apply for the Post-Vocational Education Work visa. The stay period for this visa is up to 18 months.
- The Post-Study Work visa was renamed to the Post-Higher Education Work (PHEW) stream. If the applicant holds a degree level qualification or higher, they should apply for the Post-Higher Education Work visa.

Despite these changes, the stay periods for Indian nationals holding the Temporary Graduate Visas, as agreed in the Australian Indian-Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI-ECTA).

THEREFORE, THE STAY PERIODS ARE:

Bachelor's Degree (including honours): **Up to 2 years**

Bachelor's Degree (with first-class honours in STEM, including Information & Communication Technology): **Up to 3 years**

Masters (coursework and research): **Up to 3 years**

Doctoral degrees (PhD): **Up to 4 years**

ELIGIBILITY MATTERS

Planning to apply for a student visa in Australia? Check if you are eligible!

With Australia's new visa regime in place, where do you stand in terms of eligibility for a student visa? Here is everything you need to be eligible for a student visa in Australia:

DOCUMENTS

- Valid Indian passport of at least six months
- Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) to your course of study
- Bank statements, financial support letters, or proof of scholarship
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- Genuine Student (GS) Statement
- Two recent passport-sized photos
- Academic transcripts, work experience certificates, and medical examination reports
- Polio vaccination certificate
- Character certificate attested by the regional passport office

English proficiency requirements:

IELTS (Minimum score of 6.0)

TOEFL iBT (Minimum score of 64)

PTE (Minimum score of 50)

CAE (Minimum score of 169)

OET (B for each test component)

Financial requirements:

Minimum savings: ₹16,29,264

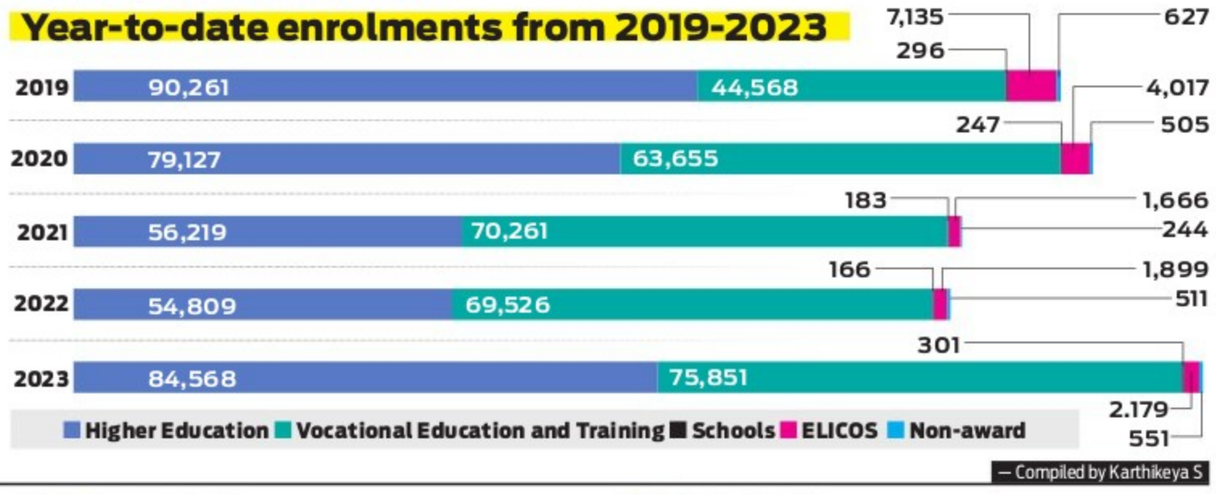
Visa application cost: ₹89,000

Living costs: ₹1,00,000

THE NUMBERS TALK!

How many Indian students have enrolled in Australia over the years? How many students are currently studying in Australia? Here's a look!

Year-to-date enrolments from 2019-2023



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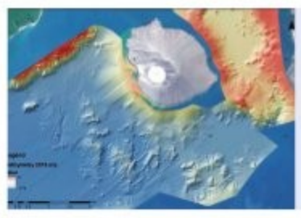

DAY'S DIARY

Krakatoa's Cataclysm

On this day in 1883, Mount Krakatoa, located in present-day Indonesia, erupted catastrophically after 200 years of dormancy

UNLEASHING DESTRUCTION

The eruption began with a minor blast but rapidly escalated into a massive explosion, unleashing towering ash clouds and triggering tsunamis that claimed over 36,000 lives

THE GEOLOGICAL TRIGGER

The eruption was caused by the rupture of a magma chamber, which led to the island's collapse and had significant climatic impacts

AFTERMATH

In the wake of the eruption, only a small islet remained. In 1927, Anak Krakatau (Child of Krakatoa) emerged, continuing to grow and causing another deadly tsunami in 2018

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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SWEET TASTE OF NOSTALGIA

It's food, fun and bonhomie this Krishna Janmashtami for Sandalwood actors who reminisce about their childhood ways of celebrating the festival

MONIKA MONALISA

THE beauty of Indian festivals lies in their ability to bring people together in celebration. They often serve as a way to reminisce about the cherished memories of the past. This Krishna Janmashtami, Sandalwood stars are celebratig in their own unique ways.

For actor Meghana Raj, Krishna Janmashtami brings back memories of the celebrations at her grandmother's home. "My father is Tamil Brahmin, so we follow those traditions. Growing up, my grandmother used to make special delicacies rooted in Thanjavur. Ajji's besan laddoo, made in a unique way, is still my favourite. We didn't follow many rituals, but there were these small games. When I was young, my grandmother would apply rice flour on my feet and have me walk around to create footprints like Krishna's. This is usually done with the youngest. I'm planning to do it with Raayan, who will definitely be dressed as a little Krishna," says Raj. She adds that the celebration is equally significant in the Sarja household, adding, "With three kids, any celebration revolves around them. Mostly, Prerna (Dhruva Sarja's wife) will dress Rudrakshi as Radha."

On the other hand, Harshika Poonacha, who is expecting her first child, is excited about the festival as she anticipates welcoming her 'little Krishna or Radha.' Although she hails from Kodagu, where Krishna Janmashtami is not elaborately celebrated, this year her family is taking advantage of the auspicious day to perform some prenatal ceremonies. "I'm in Kodagu, and my mother is bringing me food. In Kodava culture, it's a ritual where a pregnant woman first receives food from her mother's home, followed by her mother-in-law's, and then from all the relatives. We are starting that ritual on Janmashtami. In this tradition, my mother will prepare an odd number of dishes, either seven, 11, or 15," says Poonacha.

Many find their connection to Lord Krishna in multiple ways. Ragini Chandran-Prajwal, a Kathak dancer of 20 years, has a special bond with the festival. "In Kathak, most recitals revolve around Lord Krishna. As a dancer, I've always been drawn to his stories. My mother celebrated Janmashtami with decorations at home and special food," says Chandran-Prajwal, who plans to visit the ISKCON temple for a darshan.

For actor Thejaswini Sharma, Janmashtami is an intimate festival. "The festival holds a special place in my heart because we place a little Krishna on a swing. All the food prepared are Krishna's favourites," says Sharma.

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>
> Meghana Raj, actor

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GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first-prize winner will get a voucher worth ₹1,600 from Burma Burma**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Bael 2) Sikhye 3) Maté

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Arjun Shankar
2) Aakansha AV
3) Praful Chandra

Of cakes & bakes

Sanjana Christa Pavamani, the granddaughter of late veteran film producer S Pavamani, on discovering a passion for baking during the pandemic, transitioning from photography to full-time baking, and more

Customised cakes

A variety of brownies

POOJA DAS

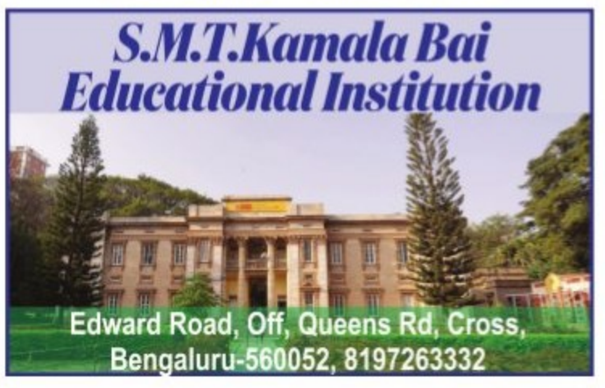
IN 2020, as the world came to a standstill due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many found themselves at a crossroads. **Sanjana Christa Pavamani**, the granddaughter of the late veteran film producer S Pavamani, was one such individual. A professional photographer, her thriving career suddenly came to a halt. With weddings cancelled and no shoots on the horizon, Pavamani, like many others, sought solace in activities that once brought her joy – one of which was baking. "My mom bakes, and so did my grandma. So, I started baking for fun, sharing it with friends, and truly enjoying myself," she recalls.

What began as a hobby quickly transformed into a full-fledged business as word spread, and friends encouraged her to start an online venture. Now four years in, Pavamani, also known as Miss Baker Kochi, runs a booming business with over 20k followers on Instagram. "When I started, I was baking just one kg of brownies a day. This year, I'm baking 30 kg of brownies every day, and I ship them across Kerala and outside the state. I have plenty of clients in Bengaluru as well," shares the Kochi-based baker.

While her brownies are rooted in her mother's recipes, Pavamani has added her own twist, tweaking them to create something uniquely hers. The brownies, which range from classic triple chocolate to innovative flavours like ragi jaggery, red velvet, and Biscoff, are bestsellers. In addition, she bakes customised cakes for special occasions, such as birthdays. "Our speciality is mostly brownies, but I also use my mom's recipe for cinnamon rolls, especially during Christmas," she says.

Pavamani's background in photography has played a crucial role in her success. 'Presentation is key,' she emphasises, adding, "Photography helped me to create visuals, videos, and even reels, which have reached a lot of people and attracted many clients."

However, it hasn't all been smooth sailing. Like many in the industry, Pavamani faced challenges, particularly when the prices of cocoa and chocolate skyrocketed a few months ago. "It was tough," she admits. "For example, I used to get one kg of chocolate for ₹650. Now, it costs between ₹1,600 and ₹2,000. But despite the hike, I managed to retain my customer base." Looking to the future, Pavamani hopes to open a new store next year.



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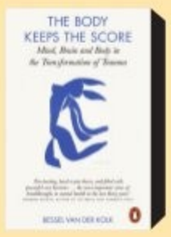


The Body Keeps the Score
By Bessel van der Kolk

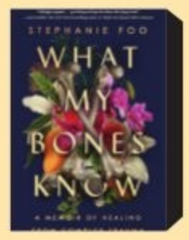
The book delves into the profound ways trauma imprints itself on both body and mind. Through groundbreaking research and compelling narratives, van der Kolk unveils innovative therapies that pave the way for healing and offers hope for reclaiming lives.

Tiny Beautiful Things
By Cheryl Strayed

In this compelling collection of advice columns, Strayed blends raw honesty with deep empathy to address life's struggles and joys. Each entry provides transformative insights, revealing her unique ability to turn personal wisdom into universal guidance.

Knife
By Salman Rushdie

Rushdie presents a gripping, multi-layered tale, blending fantasy with reality. Through sharp, imaginative storytelling, the novel explores themes of identity, power, and transformation with a distinctive narrative style that invites readers into a vividly crafted world where both the stakes and the underlying messages are profound.



What My Bones Know
By Stephanie Foo

This memoir unveils the echoes of trauma and her journey toward reclaiming her life. Intertwining the pain of her childhood with a quest for healing, the book offers readers an exploration of memory, resilience, and the enduring strength of the human spirit.

STRIKE GOLD

Actor Rachita Ram at the announcement of the 3rd edition of the Bengaluru Gold Festival 2024, to be held from October 3 to November 16 | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

KHAKHRA

INGREDIENTS

- **Wheat flour/ Atta:** 2 cups
- **Carom seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Salt to taste**
- **Fenugreek leaves/ kasoori methi:** 1 tsp
- **Red chilli powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Cumin seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Oil:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Combine all the ingredients in a broad bowl and mix it well. Add water and knead the flour to make a soft dough. Cover it with wet muslin cloth and let it rest for 15-20 minutes. Divide the dough into 15-18 equal portions. Take one portion of the dough, dust with some flour.
- Now roll out into a very thin circle.
- Put it on a hot tawa and cook it on low flame till light golden spots appear on both sides. Press it with a potato masher or with a towel so that they will not puff while cooking. Make sure the khakhra is crispy.
- Do the same with the rest of the dough. Delicious and crispy khakhra is ready. Serve with any pickle, chutney or have them with tea.

Contributed by **Surkhab Khan**, Lucknow

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Wellness Journey

Tailored for both beginners and intermediate yoga practitioners, this session provides an in-depth exploration of yogic practices, including deep relaxation techniques, breath control, and healing therapies. **WHEN:** August 26, 10am **WHERE:** New York Dance Classes, Ranka Colony Road **CALL:** 98187 41350

Hands, Heart, Art

This two hour pottery workshop that is spilt into one hour of hand building and one hour on the potters wheel giving an insightful experience with both techniques.

WHEN: August 26, 2 pm **WHERE:** Maya's pottery, Jeevan Bima Nagar

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Humour Alert

This curated open mic event promises an unforgettable showcase of the city's emerging comedic talent, featuring a diverse range of humour that transcends cultural boundaries in an intimate setting.

WHEN: August 26, 9pm

WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Elegant Symphony

Celebrate Sri Krishna Janmashtami with Hindustani singers Siddharth and **Maanya Arora,** who are bringing some of the soulful classical melodies.

WHEN: August 26, 6.45pm

WHERE: KTPO Trade Center, Whitefiled

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Romantic Ambiance

Transform your Monday with a candlelight dinner, offering a romantic setting with exquisite cuisine, craft drinks, and a cosy atmosphere.

WHEN: August 26, 8pm

WHERE: Gold Rush Brews, Old Madras Road

CALL: 98459 20832

Escape Thrills

This live escape game challenges teams of 2-8 people to solve mysteries within a confined space, offering a thrilling adventure with immersive storylines, ideal for team-building, couples, friends, and families.

WHEN: August 26, 2.30pm

WHERE: Mystery Rooms, Whitefield

DETAILS: 95991 89424

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The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi.

I was once a dog parent but now I take care of my friend's cat. It is taking a while to read her signals. Any tips to warm her up to me?

It's lovely that you opted to take care of an animal, such gestures allow you to understand the dynamics of human-animal connection. Yes, felines are completely different in their behaviour, feeding habits and human interaction, when compared with dogs. If you are expecting a dog-like welcome when you walk into your house, or a tail wag like a butterfly wing flutter, then you would be disappointed. My advice is to build an association with the cat. Small verbal soft tones each time you see her. Calling her with a treat or feeding her favourite can food with soft tones will help you get close to her. Cats also like to watch images on screen, keeping television switched on while you are in the same room, thereby creating a comfortable environment for the cat.

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UPAVISTHA SAVASANA CHAIR PADA BOLSTER (SEATED CORPSE POSE CHAIR LEGS BOLSTER)

This is a variation of Savasana with chair support. It is an easy way of relaxing the entire body, and is a part of therapy or restorative yoga. Doing this pose allows the student to stay focussed on the body and breath. This increases mindfulness and overall mental health. This pose can be done anywhere, anytime with the support of a chair for just 10 minutes and changes can be noticed if one has physical problems, especially related to stress.

STEPS

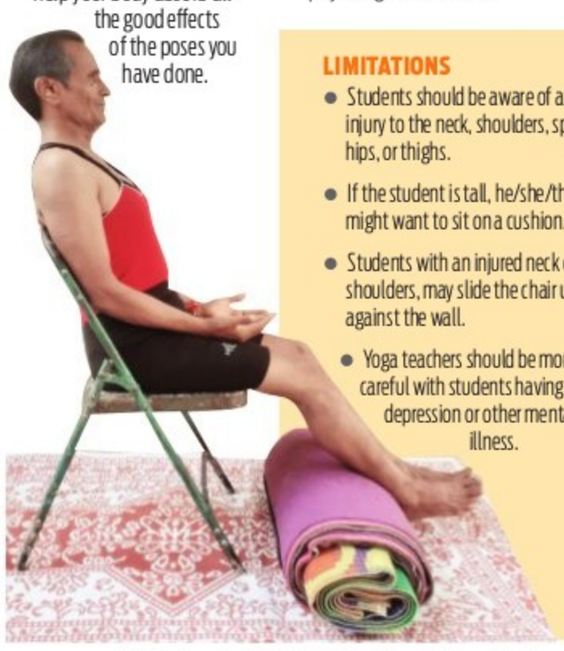
- First, keep a chair and a bolster handy.
- Place the chair in a position for support, making sure that the chair is stable.
- Place the bolster horizontally, touching the chair's front legs.
- Sit on the chair with your legs down, toes front and heels touching the outer side of the bolster.
- Slide to a sitting position on the chair, sitting straight.
- Adjust yourself to be in your most comfortable position, keeping all the body muscles loose and relaxed.
- Place your palms on the thighs facing upwards and fingers naturally curled. Slightly turn your inner thigh out.
- This should be a comfortable and relaxing position to allow any lingering thoughts or distractions to float away from the body and find peace of mind by being quiet in our thoughts.
- Stay here for a few minutes and sit with your eyes closed. Relax your entire body.
- This seated Savasana will help your body absorb all the good effects of the poses you have done.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens knee joints, back muscles, legs, and pelvis.
- Improves flexibility by helping the muscles relax and rejuvenate.
- Keeps the chest, armpits, rib cage, upper abdomen, diaphragm, intercostal muscles active.
- Tones the diaphragmatic muscles to become stronger.
- Breathing capacity increases.
- Stimulates the parasympathetic response.
- Relieves some of the stress from the deep tissues in your back.
- Maintains the spine's natural curvature, enhancing body alignment and posture.
- Flow of energy is increased in the chest, core, back, pelvis and legs.
- Mind is controlled, calming the nervous system, and flushing the unwanted energy out of the body.
- Cultivates silence and energises the body.
- Muscular tension is released.
- It may expose the deeper layers of stress in the muscles.
- Aids in hypertension, headache pain, stress, fatigue.
- Students who are pregnant, seniors, those with rheumatoid-osteoporosis, visual impairment, kids with special needs or adults who are unable to lie down can relax or meditate in this pose.
- Promotes balance in the Sahasrara (crown) Chakra, minimising the sensory stimulation.
- Increases awareness of the body's physiological condition.

LIMITATIONS

- Students should be aware of any injury to the neck, shoulders, spine, hips, or thighs.
- If the student is tall, he/she/they might want to sit on a cushion.
- Students with an injured neck or shoulders, may slide the chair up against the wall.
- Yoga teachers should be more careful with students having depression or other mental illness.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

ARTCORNER

LOOKING FOR LOVE

In 'A Bed in the Balcony' by Delhi-based Sunny Mandawi, the artist visualises domesticity and longing in gouache paints.

A FEW OF HER FAVOURITE THINGS

Artist Badrunissa Irfan's ongoing solo exhibition celebrates nature's vibrant palette

EXPRESS FEATURES

BLUE skies, flowers, and the wonders of nature — these are images that **Badrunissa Irfan** cherished growing up. These vivid memories from her childhood now serve as the inspiration behind her paintings. Her solo exhibition An Art Soiree, currently on display at Conrad until September 24, draws from these early impressions.

Irfan's paintings, centred on the kaleidoscopic beauty of nature, are brimming with life and energy. Her style is largely influenced by the Romanticists, who celebrated the glory of flora and fauna. Often, she finds herself painting in her garden, deeply immersed in the creativity that nature inspires. "My grandfather sparked my interest in art. I remember him taking me to the Glass House at Lal Bagh to paint what we saw," says Irfan, the mother of Uzma Irfan, director of the Prestige Group.

Irfan credits her mother for her artistic talent. "My mother was ahead of her time, always teaching and encouraging me to pursue art. She pushed me to learn new things, whether it was painting or cooking. Exploring art in every form was my pastime," Irfan recalls.

The exhibition features many paintings where horses take centre stage. "I love animals, and horses are particularly my favourite. That's why you will see these beautiful creatures in many of my paintings," Irfan explains.

Her choice of colours is bright and effervescent, never muted or subdued, reflecting her optimistic outlook on life. Her bold strokes offer a glimpse into the positivity she holds dear. The proceeds from the exhibition will be donated to charity. "I've always believed that if we are blessed, we should give back to society," says Irfan.

HEARTFELT ON HEARTBREAKS

MONIKA MONALISA

Indie singer Kamakshi Khanna, who was on the vocals for *Tere Jaisa* from season 2 of *Kota Factory*, kicked off her Heartbreak 2020 India Tour from Bengaluru

HEARTBREAKS are always painful irrespective of age. Singer **Kamakshi Khanna**'s EP Heartbreak 2020, which was released earlier this year, explores new-age loneliness and heartbreak. The singer brought her EP to Bengaluru with a live performance, as part of her eight-city Heartbreak 2020 India Tour.

The singer, who has lent vocals to *Tere Jaisa* from the second season of *Kota Factory* and her singles *Qareeb and Duur*, has made a buzz with the EP. Needless to say, she opened to a young audience in the city. "Bengaluru has always had a vibrant audience of music lovers across all genres. It feels great to go back after so many years. It was also special because Bengaluru was the first city I was performing live in for the first time with my band," says Khanna, who staged her live show on Friday.

Khanna has been working on all the songs in the EP for the past four years. "Choosing a theme like heartbreak for an album launch resonates with many because heartbreak is a universal experience, especially in today's chaotic world of modern loneliness. The album, Heartbreak 2020, delves into the complexities of situationships and relationships, and captures the raw emotions that often define our 20s – uncertainty, yearning, and the search for connection," she says. Though the music has made a buzz in the fraternity, taking the songs to different cities has always been on Khanna's mind. "A self-produced tour has been a dream in the making for quite some time, and I am incredibly grateful that it has finally come to fruition," says Khanna.

However, it was not with its own set of challenges. "Some of the basic problems involved logistics about the venues. It's the first time I'm doing something like this independently, so I'll be relying on ticket sales to make ends meet," says Khanna with a nervous smile.

Post the tour, Khanna is planning to continue writing new music but is trying to keep it spontaneous. "After the tour, I'm going to be travelling a lot, taking some down time to spend with my family and look for inspiration to expand my knowledge and understanding of music and sound! I also have some collaborations in the pipeline," she says.

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Pictorial markers of time

REMEMBER the time when red-circled dates on calendars determined a lot of life's major decisions? Silently hanging on our painted, often fading walls, these marked days announced travel, screamed examinations, turned into reminders of monthly bills to be paid and gas cylinders to be refilled. No matter how foreboding the date was, there was always one thing that offset the accompanying anxiety – an alluring visual next to these often threatening aides – memoire.

Calendar art was a part of popular Indian visual culture until a few decades ago. India had a plethora of regional calendars rooted in solar and lunar systems before Independence. When a standardised calendar was adopted, it had to trickle down to the masses and calendar art came into being. The Indian calendar thus became a unifying factor to bridge populations, otherwise divided by linguistic barriers.

As with everything else, the main subject in most calendars was the woman, as seen through the male gaze. From goddesses to movie stars, they beckoned from the confines of those printed sheets. These framed women represented a visual history of the changing roles of Indian women.

Raja Ravi Varma, called the father of calendar art, pioneered the mass production of art, by setting up lithographic presses to print copies of his paintings. Soon, goddesses adorned the walls of ordinary households and companies used these images to embellish their yearly calendars. In keeping with India's obsession with fair skin, the painted female deities were undeniably fair with only cursed demons or the fierce Kali depicted as dark skinned.

When the nationalist fervour gripped the country during the struggle for freedom from British colonialism, the pattern changed and calendars replaced divinity with patriotism. Bharat Mata became the female icon to stir the masses. She was fair too and shown as awaiting liberation from the shackles of colonial rule. Around the same time in the 1930s, elite upper class women also jostled for space on these calendars in their elegant sarees and Westernised hairstyles, marketing biscuits and soaps. Independence brought on the attachment of aspirational values to the women gracing calendars and film stars soon occupied the sheets. The '60s and the '70s saw a generous display of skin, when kitsch art took over and women in calendars were typecast as either decent housewives or unapologetic vamps.

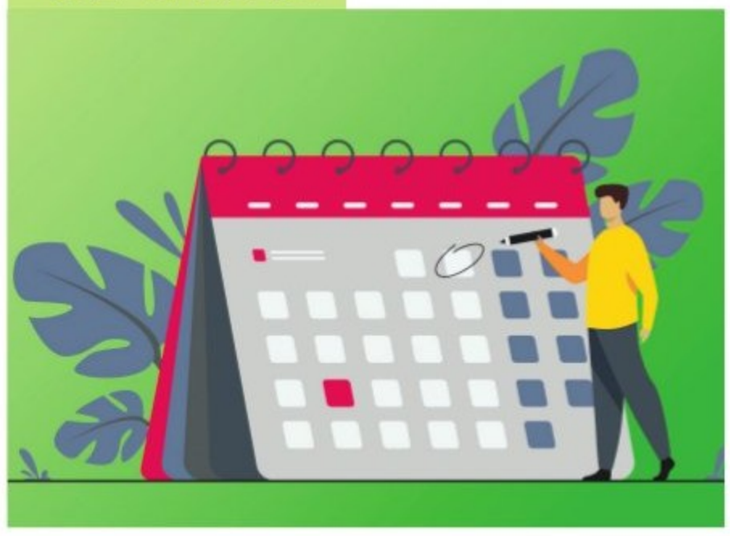
This labelling collapsed with the advent of the '90s and the modern Indian woman became bold and liberated. Movie heroines were back on the evolving calendars, but this time, they owned their eroticism.

The beginning of the 2000s, made calendar art a serious business. The shoots were planned with supermodels on fancy budgets and in exotic locations. Ravi Varma's voluptuous, curvy women were displaced by perfectly slender models which became the new standard of beauty.

Digital designs gradually led to the democratisation of calendar art and a wide spectrum of women, from different marginalised communities like the Dalits and the transgenders, inhabited these printed markers of time.

Today, these calendars may have become a collector's item as most of us carry an inbuilt version in our phones. But, their history will always remain a visual documentation of the journey of Indian women.

(The writer's views are personal)



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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sri. Ramesha, aged about 54 years, S/o Late Bettaiah, Residing at No. 104, 10th Main, P.P. Layout, Subramanyapura Post, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560061 have changed my name from RAMESH to RAMESHA vide Affidavit dated 22-08-2024 before Notary Mamatha N K, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **USHA PADUKONE** W/o. Guru Murthy K.H., Residing at S-204, Opulence, Begur Hobli, B.G. Road, Brahma Kumara, Eshwari Temple, Doddakammanahalli, Gottigere, Bangalore - 560 083, do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **USHA SHANKAR PADUKONE** to **USHA PADUKONE** vide affidavit dated 19.08.2024 sworn to before Aravind Patil G.G., Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BAVIMANE SUBHAN SAB**, Son of Bavimane Peer Sab., Swamy., Aged about 42 years, permanent residing at No. 2-65, Venkateswaraswamy Temple Street, Parigi, Ananthapuram, Andhra Pradesh : 515 261, now at Bangalore, do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **BAVIMANE SUBHAN SAB** to **S. MUNNA** vide affidavit dated 24.08.2024 sworn to before Yankoba, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **NEELAVATHI SULIKERI** W/o Cholayya Sulikeri, age 49 years, R/at No. 82/28, 6th Main, 4th Block, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560 096 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **NEELAVATHI SULIKERI** and **NEELAVATHI** are one and the same and refers to me only, my full and correct name is **NEELAVATHI SULIKERI,** and the same to be corrected in my husband's Army Discharge Book, vide affidavit dated 23rd August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, 1) **AVINASH BANGALORE NAGARAJU**, S/o Nagaraju, age 40 years, 2) **PRIYA S.N**, W/o Avinash B.N, age 34 years, R/at No. 332, 7th Main, Nagendra Block, Bangalore South, Bengaluru do hereby declare that we have changed our daughter's name from **DHANVI .A** to **DHAANVI .A**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **DHAANVI .A** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Smt. VATSALA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. RAJA MOHAMMED SHAIK** S/o Shek Mayiddin, Residing at No.113, 4th Cross, Pipeline Road, Muthurayaswamy Layout, Sunkadakatte, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru - 560091. Hereby declare that I have changed my name to RAJA MOHAMMED henceforth my name will be **RAJA MOHAMMED** only in all my records and correspondence. Vide affidavit dated 24.08.2024 sworn to before **Deepa M**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, K.S.SUGNANAMURTHY, S/o K.N.Sudarshanachari, aged about 43 years, residing at No.5, 3rd Cross, Shamanna Compound, Shakthi Nagar, Doorvaninagar Post, Bengaluru-560 016, I declare that below mentioned both names **Sujnanamurthy S.** and **Kuruppally Sudarshanachari Sugnanamurthy** belongs to me and one and the same person only. My actual and correct name is **Kuruppally Sudarshanachari Sugnanamurthy** for all purposes transactions and proceedings, vide affidavit dated 24/8/2024 sworn to before N.Nagappa advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) REDDIDEVENDRA KANCHANA, S/o. Kanchana Reddy Gurunath, No. 567, 8th Main, 8th Cross, Near Water Tank, Coffee Board Layout, Kempapura H.A. Farm, Bangalore-560024, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) REDDIDEVENDRA KANCHANA** to **(NEW NAME) KANCHANA REDDY DEVENDRA** vide affidavit Dated 23/08/2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **Mrs. Saida Banu, and Mr. Syed Ummeruddin Bokhari,** residing at Flat No.231, A Block, Mahaveera Regal Apartment, Basavanagar, Hoodi, Bengaluru-560048. Here by declaring that our daughter's name as per the records in her educational institution is **JAZA SADIA BOKHARI**, we want to change our Daughter's name from **SYED JAZA SADIA BOKHARI to JAZA SADIA BOKHARI.** Also we state that both the names belongs to the same person, Vide affidavit dated **23.08.2024** sworn before J. Anandkumar, B.Com. LLB, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore-560002.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Prashanth Sawanth**, S/o. Late S.S. Vinayak Rao, aged about 47 years, residing at No. 59/3, 1st D Main, 2nd Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Near Unity Hospital, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560072, do hereby declare that my brother name is **Sunil** S/o. late S.S. Vinayak Rao, who is also named **Sunil Sawanth** or **Sunil .S.V.** or **Sunil Kumar .S.V** but in some of his records his name has been entered as **Sunil.** and **Sunil** as well as **Sunil Sawanth** or **Sunil Kumar .S.V., Sunil .S.V** the names refer to one and the same person and belongs to my brother's name only., vide affidavit dated 24.08.2024, Sworn to before K.C. Gowthami, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUBRAHMANYA ACHAR,** S/o Dinesh, age 44 years,, R/at NO. 26, 6th Cross, Chunchaghatta Main Road, Near Green Valley School, Om Shivashakthi Nagar, Bangalore-56 062 do hereby declare that my correct name is **SUBRAHMANYA ACHAR,** but in my passport by oversight my name is mentioned as **SUBRAHMANYA ACHARY** instead of **SUBRAHMANYA ACHAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUBRAHMANYA ACHAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23rd August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **AMBRESHAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEGHNA SUDHISH NAIR,** D/o. Sudhish Kumar R, residing at #108,Lily Block, Keerthi Riviera Annexe, 6th G Cross Kaggadasapura, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560093, have changed my name to **MEGHNA NAIR,** vide Affidavit Dated: 24/08/2024 sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KATYAYINI JOSHI,** W/o Ganapathi Rao, age 40 years, R/at Flat No. 109, SS Elite, Jakkur Main Road, Near VRL Logistics, Shivanahalli, Bangalore North, Yelahanka, Benglauru-560 064 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KATYAYINI JOSHI** to **KATYAYANI G KULKARNI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **KATYAYANI G KULKARNI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24-08-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C. SRINIVASA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANDIP MAHESHWARI,** Aged about 53 Years, S/o Ram Chandra Mundra, residing at 107, Bindu Anmol Apartment, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Prashanth Nagar, Vijayanagar, Opp. Shobha Hospital, Bengaluru-560040, have changed my name to **SANDEEP MUNDRA** vide affidavit dated 22-08-2024 sworn before advocate and notary Deepa .M, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANAV RAJPUROHIT,** son of Jayesh Kumar Rajpurohit, residing at Villa No.26, SLS Spenser, Horamavu Agara, Bangalore-560043, Karnataka, have changed my name to **MAANAV RAJPUROHIT** vide affidavit dated 24-08-2024 sworn before advocate and notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAMEER A NADAF** S/o AKBARSAHEB NADAF R/o 109, Sai Balaji Residency, Parappana Agrahara, Electronic City, Bengaluru - 560100 Karnataka. I have changed my name from **SAMEER** (Old Name) to **SAMEER A NADAF** (New Name) sworn before Advocate & Notary B.M. Chandrashekar vide affidavit dated 22/08/2024 at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) Smt. RAMANJINAMMA,** residing at No.157, M.R.S.Palya, Nandidurga Road, Hill-Top, Byadarahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560046, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) Smt. RAMANJINAMMA to (NEW NAME) ANJINAMMA** vide affidavit dated 22.06.2024 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Abida Banu**, W/o. Mahaboob Khan, Aged about 58 years, Residing at # 22, Emerald Residency, Balaji Layout, R.K. Hegde Nagar, Sampigenhalli, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 077, do hereby declare that, in my passport bearing No. M3361660 issued on 05/11/2014 and expires on 04/11/2024 stands in my name with Name As: **Abida Bano** whereas my name is correctly spelt as **Abida Banu.** It is pertinent to mention that my given name is **Abida Banu** with all my documents are in existence with the same spelling of my name. I need to apply for a new passport with my name spelt correctly and a correction towards it is necessary. Vide affidavit dated 24.08.2024 sworn to before S. Samuel Solomon, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SOUMYA C S** D/o Cholayya Sulikeri, age 22 years, R/at No. 82/28, 6th Main, 4th Block, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560 096 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **SOUMYA, SOUMYA C S, SOUMYA SULIKERI** and **SOUMYA CHOLAYYA SULIKERI** are one and the same and refers to me only, my full and correct name is **SOUMYA C S,** whereas C S stands for **CHOLAYYA SULIKERI,** and the same to be corrected in my father's Army Discharge Book, vide affidavit dated 23rd August 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SRI SANJAY CHOLAYYA SULIKERI,** S/o Cholayya Tammayya Sulikeri, age 24 years, R/at No. 82/28, 6th Main, 4th Block, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 096, hereby declare that my correct name is **SANJAY CHOLAYYA SULIKERI** and the same to be corrected and mentioned in Educational Marks Card, Pan Card, Driving Licence Card, Bank Account, Caste Certificate, Aadhaar Card, Father's Army Discharge Book and all other documents in place of **SANJAY C S,** pursuant to the judgement and decree dated 05th day of August 2024 in OS No. 6290 of 2023 passed by **Sri Gomati Raghavendra,** XIX Addl. City Civil & Sessions judge, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DILIP LAXMAN RAO JOSHI** S/o Laxman Rao Joshi, aged about 50 years, R/at No.714/1, 4th B Cross, 7th Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Near Canara Bank, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560043. I have changed my name from **DILIP JOSHI** to **DILIP LAXMAN RAO JOSHI.** For all purposes Vide Affidavit Dated12.08.2024 Sworn before Advocate and Notary Y. R. Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SARAVANA PRIYA KUMARAN** resident of New No.30-4, Rajaji Cross Street, Suramangalam, Salem-636005, Tamilnadu, have changed my name to **SARAVANAPRIYA LOGANATHAN** vide affidavit dated 24-08-2024 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KHUSHI,** aged 19 years, D/o. Rakesh Ranjan and Archana Kumari, Resident of Kalyani Colony, Near Harnichak, Behind Satya Gas, Godown, Anisabad, Phulwari, Patna Bihar -800002, have changed my name from **KHUSHI to KHUSHI SINGH** vide affidavit dated: 02.02.2024. Before Court of The Executive Magistrate, BBSR.

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Mayur Patel

‘Cinema didn’t love me as much as I loved it’

says Mayur Patel, as he talks about his comeback with Shreelesh Nair's Pepe starring Vinay Rajkumar

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MAYUR Patel, a known name in Kannada cinema, was recognised for his role in *Mani* and has appeared in over a dozen films. Despite his deep love for cinema, Mayur felt that the feeling was not mutual, which led to a period away from the silver screen. “Cinema didn’t love me as much as I loved it, and that hurt,” admits Mayur. Now, he is making a comeback with the upcoming film *Pepe*, starring Vinay Rajkumar and directed by debutant Shreelesh Nair.

Ahead of the film’s release, Mayur reflects on his previous film, *Rajeeva*, released in 2020, which was negatively impacted by the pandemic. “*Rajeeva* didn’t perform as well as anticipated due to the pandemic. At that time, I realised the need for a more compelling subject,” he shares. Mayur met Shreelesh, a local resident, over coffee to discuss the film. “When Shreelesh described the subject, *Pepe*, and my role, I was captivated by his vision for the story,” Mayur adds.

In *Pepe*, Mayur portrays the character of Gunna. He commends Shreelesh’s directorial approach, stating, “Despite being a debutant, Shreelesh is passionate about learning and meticulous about his shots. I have an intense and challenging opening fight scene that lasts two and a half minutes. While the film’s plot details remain confidential, it depicts the journey of a local boy facing adversity. My character, Gunna, embodies the transformation of someone who overcomes challenges to become resilient.” Furthermore, Mayur is also involved in directing. “I have directed a project titled *Tamte*, featuring my father (Madan Patel). I also have *Light Man*, which is more of a ‘bridge film’. I am eagerly awaiting announcements about another project and will be sharing more details in the near future,” he concludes.

RACHITA RAM TO STAR IN RAJINIKANTH-LOKESH KANAGARAJ’S *COOLIE*?

A SHARADHAA

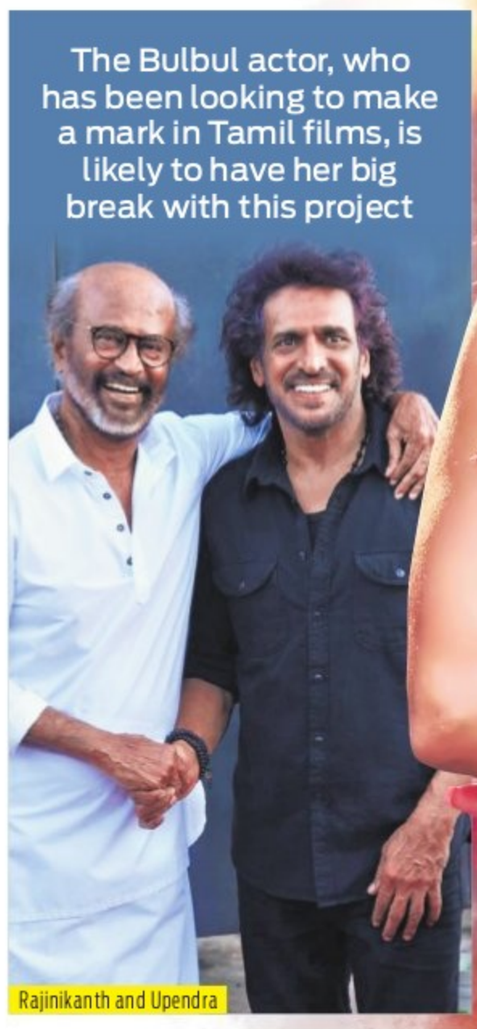
RECENT news about Upendra’s addition to the cast of Rajinikanth and Lokesh Kanagaraj's *Coolie* has stirred excitement. This highly anticipated project will feature Sruthi Haasan Mahendran and notable actor Sathyaraj. Adding to the buzz, Rachita Ram, a popular actor in Kannada who made a mark in Telugu films with Super Machi, is rumoured to be making her Tamil film debut with *Coolie*. There have been reports about Rachita visiting Chennai for discussions with the director, fuelling further speculation about her involvement in this project.

If the rumours are confirmed, this will be Rachita Ram’s breakthrough in Tamil cinema. However, confirmation about her casting is yet to be officially made by the film's team, and details about her role are under wraps.

Known for her successful roles in Kannada hits such as *Bulbul*, co-starring Darshan, Sudeep's *Ranna*, and *Chakravyuha* starring alongside Puneeth Rajkumar, Rachita is now set to make a mark in Tamil films. The actor recently wrapped shooting for Nagashekar's *Sanju Weds Geetha 2*. As for Upendra, Coolue marks the actor’s return to Tamil cinema after a long hiatus since *Satyam in 2008*. He expressed his excitement on social media, not-ing how blessed he feels to share the screen with his idol, Rajinikanth.

Coolie is Rajinikanth’s 171st film and is expected to be a significant addition to the Lokesh Cinematic Universe, which includes popular titles like *Kaithi, Vikram*, and *Leo*. The film is being produced by Kalanithi Maran’s Sun Pictures and features music by Anirudh Ravichander and cinematography by Girish Gangadharan.

The Bulbul actor, who has been looking to make a mark in Tamil films, is likely to have her big break with this project


Rajinikanth and Upendra

Rachita Ram

After Operation London Cafe to release sequel first, followed by prequel

CE FEATURES

AFTER Operation London Cafe, which has been in the making for a while, is currently in the post-production stage. A pan-India film starring Kaveesh Shetty and Megha Shetty, *After Operation London Cafe* is being made in Kannada and Marathi, and is set to be dubbed and released in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, and Malayalam as well. The film’s teaser was recently released, generating anticipation among audiences.

Director Sadagara Raghavendra, who has spent years working with noted Kannada directors, is making his directorial debut with this film. The story is set against a Naxalite backdrop but does not glorify it or focus on any individual. It serves as a prequel to Operation London Cafe, with the next part already in development. A unique aspect is that Kannada actors learned Marathi and Marathi actors learned Kannada for their roles in the film.

Kaveesh Shetty, who began his film journey with Mungaru Male 2, plays the lead role and expressed his excitement about working with Sadagara Raghavendra. He noted that the shoot was challenging and an injury further caused delays. Megha Shetty learned Marathi for her role and mentioned that both the Kannada and Marathi versions were shot simultaneously with the same cast. She praised the director for his effective directorial debut and said she enjoyed working with the team.

The film is produced by Vijay Kumar Shetty, Ramesh Kothari, Havaral, and Deepak Rane under the Indian Film Factory and Deepak Rane Films banners. The film will feature cinematography by R D Nagarjuna and music composed by Pranshu Jha.

Santhosh Narayanan’s music will add great value to our project: Vinod Prabhakar

CE FEATURES

SANTHOSH Narayanan, the composer known for hits like *Cuckoo, Jigarthanda, Kabali*, and the recent *Kalki 2898 AD*, is making his Kannada debut with *Balaramana Dinagalu*. This period drama, set in the 70s and 80s, stars Vinod Prabhakar and is directed by K M Chaitanya. Shooting for the film is scheduled to begin in October. Santhosh, who has previously contributed to the background score for *Lucia*, will be working as the lead music director for the first time in Kannada cinema.

Vinod Prabhakar, marking a milestone with this film, praised Narayanan’s music and its fit with impactful cinema. “This is my 25th film and Chaitanya’s 10th. We believe Santhosh Narayanan’s music will add great value to our project. His music does the talking, and his compositions especially in the gangster genre are incredibly popular. We thought he was the perfect choice for this film,” says Prabhakar, who further reveals how they brought Narayanan on board, noting, “We began discussions in May before the release of *Kalki 2898 AD*. His quick agreement to the script was promising. With *Balaramana Dinagalu* set in the retro era, we’re excited about the creative possibilities and are proud to have him involved in Kannada cinema.”

K M Chaitanya

Santhosh shared his excitement about joining the Kannada film industry, highlighting his personal connection to the language. “My mother was supported by Kannada-speaking people and speaks Kannada fluently. I feel a strong bond with this language and am thrilled to work with Chaitanya and Vinod Prabhakar on *Balaramana Dinagalu*,” he shares.

Santhosh Narayanan and Vinod Prabhakar

YELLA OK AND THE STORY BEHIND *IRUVE*

CE FEATURES

IRUVE is a 17-minute Kannada short film written and directed by Rajesh Ramaswamy, fondly known as Ramsam. An ad filmmaker and the founder of The Script Room in Bangalore, Ramsam is famous for the iconic tagline “*Yella OK* Cool Drink Yaake” featuring Upendra from two decades ago. Speaking about *Iruve*, he shares, “I’ve always been deeply influenced by RK Narayan’s Malgudi Days and Shankar Nag’s adaptations. The simple storytelling, relatable characters, and keen observations of everyday life have inspired me to write about ordinary people and their experiences.”

Set in Jayanagar, *Iruve* tells the story of 70-year-old Govindiah, who faces a red ant infestation in his home. He hires a pest controller named Kumara, setting off a slice-of-life drama that unfolds with quirky characters and situational comedy.

The film features veteran actor Dattanna and character actor Mahantesh, known for his comedic timing, alongside Prakash Thuminad, Rohit Srinath, Sonu Venugopal, and Anirudh Acharya. Although in the Kannada language, its universal themes are expected to connect with a broader audience.

This film marks the debut production of The Script Room, which aims to spotlight local talent and discover emerging stars. While Navin Muraleedharan has composed the background music. cinematographer Sahadev Kelvadi (*Gantumoote and Kenda*) and editor Surya Vasishta from Asthu Studios went beyond their usual roles, contributing their directorial skills. Chaithra Puthraya and her team handled production design, while Chris managed live sound recording.

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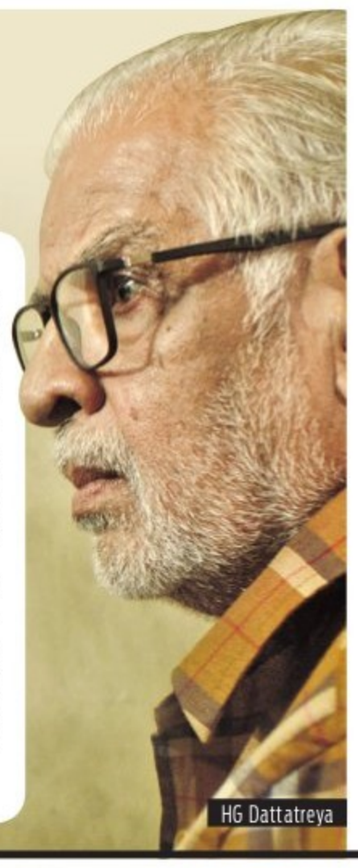
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The ENGINEERING fix

MAMIDALA Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC and former Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) weighs in on engineering education, as we know it, and explains what we can do better.

Considering the fast technological developments and the increasing requirement for industries to have a well-trained workforce, engineering education in our country must substantially transform.

By adopting the national credit framework launched by the University Grants Commission (UGC), we need to scale up the number of engineering students who undergo experiential learning through apprenticeships, internships, and real-world engineering projects in collaboration with industry.

At the opposite extreme, engineering education's big challenge is its dependence on outdated curricula and emphasis on rote learning to the exclusion of practical knowledge. Engineering institutions must expand their partnerships with industries to confound this concern. For example, UGC's professor of practice scheme can build and sustain such collaborations.

In addition to the core subject knowledge, there is a greater need for students to acquire soft skills — the ability to work in teams, to be able to communicate effectively and to develop leadership qualities. That is the only way engineering education in our country can purposefully benefit future workplace ecosystem needs.

Engineering education must also emphasise sustainable practices and ethical decision-making as we grapple with extreme poverty, multi-dimensional poverty, global warming and climate change.

We must acknowledge the challenge of falling enrollments in traditional engineering disciplines. It is wrong to assume that only Computer Science graduates have better prospects. Emerging areas such as healthcare, logistics, telemedicine, medical devices, smart cities, sustainable urban planning, transportation, smart grids and environmental management require experts with muti-disciplinary engineering knowledge.

A multi-disciplinary engineering curriculum, therefore, must involve paying attention to introducing emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), data science and entrepreneurship in traditional engineering disciplines, which is crucial.

For instance, students in civil engineering should be able to pursue dual specialisations by opting for environmental data science. Indian engineering institutions can then make these traditional engineering disciplines more engaging to students.

Engineering colleges must focus on establishing adequate infrastructure, well-equipped labs and resources for effective teaching and learning. By prioritising the capacity building of their teachers, institutions must ensure that they stay up-to-date with the advances in their field. Lastly, all engineering institutions must partake in the accreditation process to sustain high standards.

The insight to deliver higher-quality engineering education starts by recognizing and accepting the current system's shortcomings, no matter how difficult they are to swallow.

Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC and former Vice-Chancellor, JNU, New Delhi

What will you find in this edition?

We attempt to look at all the leading and new-age courses that are ruling the roost as far as Engineering is concerned. Come, explore with us

1 Aerospace Engineering

Aerospace engineering covers much more than aircraft and spacecraft. It includes missile systems, satellites, unmanned aerial vehicles, and advanced technologies like AI and autonomous systems. As start-ups and educational institutes push the boundaries with new technologies and ambitious space missions, the field offers diverse career paths and opportunities. This feature explores practical aspects of aerospace courses, pathways for aerospace engineers, and strategies to enhance female representation, all while highlighting India's evolving role in space exploration.

2 Automobile Engineering and Electric Vehicles

From the rise of groundbreaking technologies to the challenges facing the industry, we delve into the latest developments and future prospects of the Electric Vehicles (EVs) industry. Dr B Surekha, Dean of the School of Mechanical Engineering at the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, shares her views with *EdexLive* on the shift from traditional automobile companies to innovative start-ups, the role of advanced battery technologies, and the enduring appeal of automobile engineering.

3 Blockchain technology

Before diving into the world of blockchain technology, students should arm themselves with a comprehensive understanding of its foundational aspects and prospects. Blockchain's potential extends beyond cryptocurrencies, impacting industries like supply chain management, healthcare, and finance. Students should grasp the basics of computer science, stay informed about market volatility and emerging technologies, and be prepared for a rapidly evolving landscape. To excel, they must also focus on skill development, including programming and security awareness. By staying updated through continuous learning and practical experiences, students can navigate the exciting yet volatile blockchain space effectively.

4 Cybersecurity

Studies show a global cybersecurity workforce gap of 3.4 million professionals, highlighting a crucial opportunity for Indian students and professionals. India, with its large tertiary-age population and a strong emphasis on STEM education, is well-positioned to help bridge this gap. Despite the increasing number of cybersecurity programmes, more institutions and updated curricula are needed to fully meet the demand. A comprehensive approach involving improved education, industry collaboration, and professional development is essential for addressing this shortage. With concerted efforts, India can build a skilled cybersecurity workforce to tackle the challenges of the digital age.

5 Gaming technology

Video games are no longer meant only for children. Rather, it is a field in which people can rake in the moolah. It is not just about the look and feel of the game that matters. There is a lot of work that goes into bringing out a game. The Indian teenage boys love Free Fire and Battlegrounds, both Battle royale-type games. They are famous because of their multiplayer elements. While casual games Coin Master and Candy Crush Saga are second. This shows that both complex and simple games are famous for different types of audiences. So students should start by creating simple games with innovative game mechanics over complex games initially.

6 Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) have gained widespread recognition, attracting considerable interest on a global scale. The field is rapidly evolving providing numerous opportunities to skilled professionals in various industries. From ChatGPT to Alexa — AI has permeated into every aspect of our life, and this, is just the beginning. Will it take away our jobs as well? This is the biggest fear among professionals of today. Also, what about the ethical challenges that come with using AI, whether it is at work or in academics?

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EV SURGE
SHIFTING GEARS OF AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING

From the rise of groundbreaking technologies to the challenges facing the industry, we delve into the latest developments and future prospects of the Electric Vehicles (EVs) industry. Dr B Surekha, Dean of the School of Mechanical Engineering at the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, shares her views with EdexLive on shift from traditional automobile companies to start-ups

TODAY, in automobile engineering, one of the biggest success stories is the rise of EVs. Tell us about how we have moved past the lithium-ion battery problems.

The EVs have been in existence for a considerable period of time, but recent advancements in lithium-ion battery technology have significantly transformed the industry.

Next-generation batteries must include affordability and sustainability. Otherwise, a vast quantity of batteries will accumulate in landfills.

Furthermore, it is critical to recycle the battery components in order to promote the concept of a circular economy. Currently, the infrastructure is being prepared to address the problem. Transitioning the technology from a laboratory-scale model to a commercial-scale level is a challenging task.

With the wide range of EVs — Hybrid Electric Vehicles, Battery Electric Vehicles, and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles — and the numerous courses and certifications available, how should students choose the right course that aligns with their interests?

The objective of all the courses is to achieve sustainable development and mitigate future carbon emissions.

Various types of vehicles will continue to exist in the market, thereby, creating a demand for expert technocrats in these disciplines for decades to come. Now, the students must select industry-specific courses that provide comprehensive coverage on critical subjects such as power management, vehicle dynamics, driver assistance systems, and battery technology.

Start-ups and young innovators are clearly making significant strides in the automotive sector, as evidenced by companies like Ather, Ola, and Gayam. Do you believe it is a viable option for automobile engineers to venture into the start-up space?

Both traditional automobile companies and start-ups are significant and offer different career opportunities.

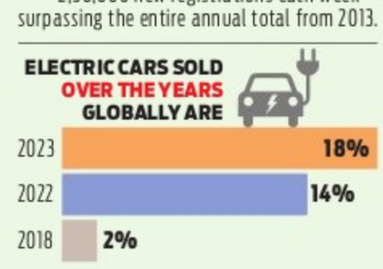
Traditional companies possess market presence and decades of expertise, allowing students who join them to enhance their skills by working alongside experienced staff.

Dr B Surekha, Dean School of Mechanical Engineering, KIIT

Start-ups achieve success by captivating people's imaginations and addressing their immediate requirements. Start-up environments carry risks, but the next generation has the potential to introduce groundbreaking ideas that might transform the mobility sector.

ACCELERATION OF EV CARS IN 2024

- With the rising demand for electric vehicles, Tata and Mahindra are emerging as leaders in the market. Here are a few of the top EV models making waves in 2024:
- In 2023, nearly 14 million new electric cars were registered worldwide, raising the total number of EVs on the roads to 40 million, according to the Global EV Outlook (GEVO-2023). Electric car sales in 2023 surged by 3.5 million compared to 2022, with over 2,50,000 new registrations each week — surpassing the entire annual total from 2013.



Mahindra XUV400
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MG Comet EV
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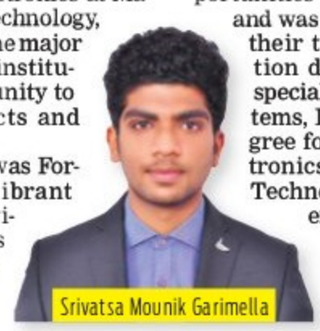
STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

PASSION TO PROFESSION

ALMOST a year ago, I began an exciting chapter of my life with Volvo Cars in Gothenburg, Sweden, as an electrical engineer. My fascination with cars and electronics started in my childhood, leading me to pursue a bachelor's degree focusing on electronics at Manipal Institute of Technology, Karnataka. One of the major attractions of this institution was the opportunity to join student projects and teams.

One such project was Formula Manipal, a vibrant team of about 80 engineers from various disciplines working together to build student race cars. We conceptualised, designed, and built race cars in both combustion and electric categories. I started as an electrical engineer and eventually became the team leader for the electric car division.

In my final year, I sought out opportunities in the Indian EV sector and was thrilled to join Bosch in their two-wheeler electrification department. To further specialise in EV electrical systems, I pursued a master's degree focussing on power electronics at Delft University of Technology, Netherlands. My experiences with Formula Manipal and Bosch provided a strong foundation and brought me closer to my dream.



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PROFESSOR'S LENS

Will we have more EVs on roads only if we have more engineers?

INTERNAL Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles are not going to disappear in a few years. Migration to fully electric or zero-emission power trains is going to take at least two if not three decades.

The EVs have started having an impact on sales of ICE for the past three to four years globally — including in India. This is gradually going to increase over the years. For different segments of auto products and for different use cases, the migration period will differ.

Karthick A
Professor of Practice, Dept of Engineering Design, IIT Madras

For example, if you look at cars, EVs will make sense much earlier to taxi fleets in cities while they will take longer to start making sense to individual personal passenger vehicle users.

Similarly, in buses, they already make good sense for city public transport and for long-distance buses — but will take a few years before making sense for school buses and staff buses. So, this is a journey that has started.

As of date, EV engineers are few, and so they are being paid a 30% premium on compensation. But, as the market evolves and more people are trained, say, over 10 years, this will normalise and the compensations will become comparable.

At the core of it all, it is a simple question of demand and supply, as in any other employment. At the end of the day, what is required are engineers who are strong in Physics, Chemistry and Engineering.

PROFESSOR'S LENS

What is Blockchain & what is the job of Blockchain engineers?

TO UNDERSTAND the benefits that blockchain technology holds, one needs to analyse and understand the concept of blockchain. Blockchain technology can be defined as a decentralised digital ledger that collects and records the details of transactions that are occurring across multiple computers with secrecy and transparency.

Every transaction that occurs is stored inside a "block", and the multiple blocks formed by the transactions that are linked form a "chain", forming a continuous, unalterable record that, in turn, forms the blockchain.

The technology of blockchain revolves around key principles and concepts like decentralisation, cryptographic security, immutability, and consensus mechanisms. All of these together help to form credibility in digital transactions and reduce dependence on intermediaries.

Dr Saravana Kumar,
Professor & Head, Department of Information Technology, CMR

One of the most prominent and pioneering terms that you will come across in the field of blockchain technology is blockchain engineering. Blockchain technology and blockchain engineering are closely related, but they focus on and revolve around different aspects of the blockchain ecosystem.

Blockchain technology is an underlying system that helps to enable decentralised and secure transactions, while blockchain engineering utilises the technologies offered by blockchain to design, develop, and maintain blockchain applications and networks, turning theoretical concepts into practical, functioning solutions.

Blockchain engineers are the professionals who work in the field of blockchain technology and who write the code that makes the blockchain that we craft operational, draft and design rules for how new information is added, and most importantly, make sure everything associated with a blockchain system is secure.

WHAT should students know before they decide to pursue blockchain technology? Especially about their prospects?

Before pursuing blockchain technology, students should consider the following key points:

■ Foundation in Computer Science

Blockchain is built on concepts like cryptography, distributed computing, and consensus algorithms. A strong foundation in computer science, especially in these areas, is crucial.

■ Beyond Cryptocurrencies

While blockchain is well-known for its role in cryptocurrencies, its applications extend to supply chain management, smart contracts, healthcare, finance, and more.

■ Market Volatility & Maturity

Blockchain is still in its early stages. Some applications are experimental, and the market can be volatile. This can impact job stability and opportunities.

■ Skill Development

Proficiency in languages like Solidity, Rust, or Python is valuable, particularly for smart contract development.

■ Career Prospects

There is a high demand for blockchain professionals, but it remains a niche field. Companies often look for specialised skills.

Students need to have in-depth knowledge of Cryptographic techniques when it comes to blockchain. Tell us a few sure-shot resources that can help students in this regard.

A few definite resources to help out students are as follows:

Books

■ ***Applied Cryptography* by Bruce Schneier:** This is a classic book that provides a comprehensive introduction to cryptography. It's highly recommended for understanding the principles behind cryptographic techniques used in blockchain.

■ ***Cryptography and Network Security* by William Stallings:** This book offers detailed coverage of cryptographic algorithms and protocols, including practical applications in network security and blockchain technology.

Online Courses:

■ **Community Resources:** Blockchained India: A community-driven platform offering a curated list of resources.
Link: *https://blockchainedindia.github.io/resources/*

■ **Centre of Excellence in Blockchain Technology:** A government initiative focused on blockchain applications across various sectors.
Link: *https://blockchain.gov.in/*

■ **Coursera: "Cryptography" by Stanford University (Dan Boneh):** This course, taught by a leading expert in the field, covers the mathematical foundations of cryptography and practical applications, making it ideal for blockchain enthusiasts.

■ **edX: "Applied Cryptography" by University of Colorado:** This course focuses on cryptographic techniques and their applications, including blockchain. It's designed to give students a solid understanding of modern cryptographic practices.

■ **"Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System" by Satoshi Nakamoto:** The original whitepaper introduces the cryptographic foundations of Bitcoin and is essential reading for blockchain enthusiasts.

Interactive Platforms

■ **Cryptopals Challenges:** A series of cryptography challenges that allow students to learn by doing. It covers a wide range of topics and is great for hands-on learners.

■ **OverTheWire: "Cryptography" Challenges:** These are wargames that focus on different aspects of cryptography. They provide a practical, engaging way to solidify cryptographic skills.

What are the challenges the space currently faces? Can you tell us about at least one such challenge and how can students apply themselves to resolve it?

Smart contracts are self-executing contracts with the terms directly written into code. While they are powerful, they are also prone to bugs and vulnerabilities. High-profile hacks, such as the DAO hack on Ethereum in 2016, have highlighted the risks involved.

Blockchain's transparency is a double-edged sword. While it ensures accountability, it also poses privacy risks, as all transactions are visible on the public ledger. This is a significant concern for both individuals and enterprises that require confidentiality.

The regulatory landscape for blockchain and cryptocurrencies is still developing. This uncertainty makes it difficult for businesses to operate and for the technology to gain mainstream acceptance.

Students can specialise in blockchain security, learning to audit and secure smart contracts, and developing tools to identify vulnerabilities. Participation in bug bounty programmes and security-focused hackathons can provide practical experience.

HOW TO EXCEL BITCOIN & CRYPTO IN THE YEAR 2024?

Challenges, opportunities and skills to develop for blockchain technology from Prof Revathi Venkataraman, Chairperson, School of Computing at SRM Institute of Science & Technology

Prof Revathi Venkataraman,
Chairperson, School of Computing, SRMIST

UNDERSTANDING THE BLOCKS OF BLOCKCHAIN

All your FAQs on blockchain answered

What is it?
It is a distributed database or ledger shared among a computer network's nodes.

Who invented it?
Satoshi Nakamoto, a pseudonym for a person or group of persons created blockchain in 2008.

What is it's purpose?
To share information amongst all parties who access it as an application.

What is it mainly used for?
To create an unalterable ledger for tracking orders, payments, accounts and other transactions.

Major innovations in blockchain
Cryptocurrency: Digital currencies which can circulate without the centralised authority of a bank or government
Bitcoin: An alternative form of digital money of cryptocurrency and is functional with blockchain technology.

What are the benefits?
Transparency, security, efficiency, smart contracts, traceability, privacy and cost savings.

When did India adopt blockchain technology?
In the "National Strategy on Blockchain" by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in December 2021, the Government of India expressed its interest in adopting blockchain.

Which sectors adopted the new-age technology?
Healthcare, agriculture, finance, voting, e-governance and others.

Which was the first state to set up a blockchain district in India?
Telangana was the first to announce and anchor a blockchain district bringing together different facets of the blockchain technology realm in the city of Hyderabad: tech companies, research organisations, academic institutions, start-ups, investors, enablers, and user groups and communities. The Government of Telangana, IIIT (Indian Institutes of Information Technology) – Hyderabad, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) and Tech Mahindra are its Founding Members.

Blockchain companies in India...
Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Accenture, QBurst and others.

Job positions include...
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CAN INDIA FILL THE GLOBAL CYBERSECURITY GAP? VIT VC DECODES

With more than 40 years of experience in industry, teaching and research, Dr VS Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Vice-Chancellor, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore shares her conceptions on engineering in cybersecurity, opportunities for eager students, areas to surely focus on and its growth

Dr VS Kanchana Bhaaskaran, PVice-Chancellor, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore

STUDIES reveal that there is a global cybersecurity workforce gap of 3.4 million professionals. Could Indian students and professionals help bridge this gap?
India has the maximum tertiary-age population, with a significant percentage of them pursuing Science, Engineering, Technology and Mathematics (STEM). Indian students have the potential to significantly fill the gap in the cybersecurity workforce, with additional efforts laid in a multifaceted manner by all stakeholders concerned.

More than 1.5 million engineering graduates are produced annually in India. Given that, there has been a growing emphasis on computer science engineering/information technology (IT) education with the well-established IT industry ecosystem providing a strong foundation in the past two decades. The 21st century is often referred to as the "Century of Information" and the "Century of Data" to highlight the humongous rise in the amount of data generated. The growth in decision-making, innovation, and technology development, deriving insights from large volumes of data have created significant advancements across various fields. In this scenario, cybersecurity education is essential for protecting individuals, organisations, and nations from the growing threat of cyber-attacks, and for a secure and resilient digital environment.

In rapidly evolving fields like cybersecurity, where the landscape changes daily, what should students consider when choosing a course and college?
They should consider factors such as curriculum relevance that includes comprehensive coverage of topics in the course, regular updation of curriculum, research output from faculty, industry connectivity for internships, projects and campus recruitments, and assurance of the place where they receive a high-quality education. It is crucial to select institutions that offer hands-on experience through well-established laboratories to build practical skills.

Faculty expertise with industrial certifications and industrial collaborations to give real-time exposure to the students are also important for better education.

When we think of cybersecurity or cyberspace, cybercrime comes to mind first. What other opportunities does the field offer?
While cybersecurity is often associated with combating cybercrime, the field offers a broad range of opportunities and specialisations beyond this aspect, such as diverse roles that involve protecting networks, data, applications, and infrastructure, as well as ensuring compliance and managing risks.

Students can explore various specialisations that align with their interests and skills, including network security, application security, cloud security, incident response, cybersecurity research, IAM (Identity and Access Management), GRC (Governance, Risk, and Compliance), internet of things security, and the integration of AI and ML in security.

What qualities and skills is the industry seeking in a student with a cybersecurity background who is looking for job opportunities?
When the industry evaluates a student, there are several key attributes and skills that employers naturally look for, such as technical skills, practical experience, certifications, soft skills, and an understanding of current trends and best practices. Employers value the practical experience gained through internships, lab work, or relevant projects.

1 The growing gap between demand and supply of cybersecurity talent
While India is producing a significant number of cybersecurity graduates, the demand for skilled professionals far outpaces the supply. This talent crunch is acute in specialised areas like incident response, threat intelligence, and digital forensics.

2 Focus on academic certifications over practical skills
Many cybersecurity programmes in India emphasise theoretical knowledge and academic certifications rather than practical skills. This disconnect between academia and industry needs to be bridged to produce job-ready cybersecurity professionals.

3 The rise of online cybersecurity education
Online platforms are increasingly offering cybersecurity courses, making education accessible to a wider audience. However, the quality of these courses varies significantly. It's essential to choose reputable platforms and supplement online learning with practical experience.

4 Government initiatives and public-private partnerships
The Indian government is actively promoting cybersecurity education through various initiatives and collaborations with the private sector. This includes setting up cybersecurity centres of excellence, funding research, and creating awareness programmes.

5 Cybersecurity education at the school level
To build a strong cybersecurity foundation, India is exploring the inclusion of cybersecurity concepts in school curricula. This early exposure aims to cultivate a cybersecurity-aware generation and identify potential talent at a young age.

6 The digital divide in cybersecurity education
While India boasts a growing number of cybersecurity professionals, there's a stark digital divide in accessing quality education. Tier-I cities have numerous institutes and training programmes, but rural and semi-urban areas often lack such opportunities. This disparity hinders the development of a nationwide cybersecurity talent pool.

7 Focus on emerging technological domains
With UGC approval, Indian educational institutions are increasingly offering specialised courses in BTech, like bachelor programmes on emerging technological domains like IoT, Data Science, AI/ML and cybersecurity. This aligns with the country's focus on technological advancements and the evolving threat landscape.

DID YOU KNOW?
By Rupesh Mittal, Director, Cyber Jagrithi Foundation

8 Recent budget on cyber security reaching ₹750 crore
Indeed, the Indian government has demonstrated a strong commitment to bolstering cybersecurity. In the 2024 interim budget, the allocation for cybersecurity projects nearly doubled, reaching ₹750 crore. This significant increase reflects the recognition of the imperative need to secure India's cyberspace, especially given the rapidly expanding digital infrastructure and the burgeoning internet user base. By investing in indigenous cybersecurity technologies and strategic initiatives, India aims to reduce reliance on foreign solutions and enhance its defences against cyber threats. The focus on cybersecurity aligns with global trends and underscores the importance of safeguarding national security, economic vitality, and citizens' privacy.

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URGENT NEED FOR CYBER SECURITY ENGINEERS

REPORTS revealing that India faces approximately 3,000 cyberattacks each week illuminate the dire need for skilled cybersecurity engineers capable of understanding, preventing, and mitigating these digital assaults.

Two areas within the cybersecurity realm are poised for exponential growth: Adversary Artificial intelligence (AI) in cybersecurity, and API (Application Programming Interface) security.

The integration of AI into sectors such as surveillance, autonomous vehicles, and drug discovery has introduced revolutionary changes, but it has also opened new avenues for adversarial AI. This malicious form of AI can tamper with datasets and models, causing systems to execute unintended and potentially dangerous actions. Moreover, AI is increasingly deployed in cybersecurity tools for proactive threat detection and response.

Prof Manindra Agrawal, Director, IIT Kanpur

The sophistication of adversarial AI means that these tools can be compromised, creating the need for experts who can counteract these threats.

The ubiquitous use of third-party APIs in-app, website and service development has streamlined business operations and introduced vulnerabilities. Securing these APIs, particularly those in sectors like banking and telecommunications, is crucial. The demand for skilled API security engineers, who can rectify these weaknesses, is set to soar.

VIEW POINT

GAMING BUT BEYOND THE USUAL GAMES

WHILE a career as a developer, animator, designer and so on in the gaming industry is an obvious career path for gaming technology graduates, the evolving technology reveals exciting opportunities. With the skills learned during the course, there are many ways in which the youth can transform their career and work in diverse industries.

1 Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR): The skills learnt in gaming technology are highly relevant in the rapidly growing fields of AR and VR. Graduates can explore careers as AR/ VR Developers, where they can create applications for industries like healthcare, real estate, education and so on.

2 Education tech and game-based learning: With the increasing influence of technology on the education industry, there is a demand for game-based learning platforms. Freshers can develop educational games and interactive learning tools to make education engaging.

Parth Chadha, Co-Founder and CEO, STAN

3 Simulations and training: Gaming technology plays a crucial role in developing simulations used for training in industries like defence, aviation and so on. Students can work as simulation engineers where they can create virtual environments.

4 Animation and films: With the increasing dependence on OTTs, the film industry is always looking for something new and out of the box to bring to their viewers. Amongst these, the industry is extensively relying on gaming technology for special effects, CGI and animation. One who is interested in creating interactive content can explore a career as an animator, VFX artist or motion capture specialist and can work on movies, TV shows and other animated content.

EXPLORING REALITIES & FUTURE OF GAMING TECHNOLOGY

G Christhu Raja, Assistant Professor, (Multimedia Specialist) Department of Animation and Gaming, KLH Global Business School, Hyderabad articulates about the gaming industry in India, how it should progress and what measures should be taken for the development

INTERVIEW

VIDEO games many students are familiar with, but what about beyond video games? What are the classifications of games?
Video games are computer programmes with a UI (user interface) and graphics that people find fun to play. The game might be simple pattern matching like match three games or simulate something from reality like car racing or can be an online adventure epic like an MMORPG (massively multiplayer online role-playing game). Simple 2D games and mobile games are made by small game studios.

The bigger ones like Assassin's Creed or GTA (Grand Theft Auto) are made by large game studios where lots of people of many different disciplines collaborate to bring it alive.

Games are typically categorised into genres based on what the player does in the game. A few famous game genres are action adventure (Uncharted Series), sports (FIFA), simulation (Microsoft Flight Simulator), platformer (Mario), RPG (Dragon Age), first-person shooter (Call of Duty), real-time strategy (Age of Empires), racing (Forza Series), Puzzle (Portal), casual (Stardew Valley), massively multiplayer online role-play playing (World of Warcraft), stealth (Splinter Cell) and so on.

The games are usually created to be played on a specific hardware/ platform. A few famous platforms are mobile, PC, PlayStation, Xbox, Switch, and VR headsets.

Gaming is one of the most exciting and dynamic fields in modern education. Can you discuss its expanding scope and future potential, highlighting why students should consider pursuing it academically?
As every Indian has a smartphone, the revenue potential for India-based mobile games is huge. The boom in the IT sector and the increase in college-going teens have increased the number of people who own a laptop/ desktop. This, along with online game distribution platforms like Steam has made high-quality games easily available.

As more game design courses and game studios commence, it will trigger the next wave similar to the AI/ ML wave and early adopters will reap the benefits. Big companies like Jio already see the potential and have started investing in online gaming. Even international gaming companies are setting up branches in India because of the lower cost of development compared to the US and UK.

Can you give us an outline of a gaming course and what aspects will students learn if they take it up? What about the practical aspects of it?
A typical game-based course will have modules in drawing, sculpting, texturing, animation, VFX, sound design, math and coding. It will be a blend of technical and creative aspects. The creative side will teach students the process of game asset, character and world design. The technical side will teach them how to implement game logic and generate massive procedural landscapes.

Beyond the video game industry, which industry also holds scope to explore gaming skills that we are yet to discover?
The same real-time rendering technology used in games is now being explored for making movie VFX, motion graphics, animation movies, architectural visualisation, driverless car training, robot machine learning, virtual reality workspaces, augmented reality showcases, digital doubles of cities, preservation/recreation of history and so much more. A student who studies game design will have many non-game-related areas as career paths.

The gaming industry frequently faces criticism for its violent content and gender stereotypes. What steps can today's students take to transform this image?
The students should be encouraged to focus on creative gameplay mechanics rather than gore. The Legend of Zelda and Mario series are examples of famous game series that do not glorify gore.

The student should be taught the long-term negative effects of creating violent game experiences on people. Other genres which don't have gore should be encouraged a lot more.

G Christhu Raja, Assistant Professor, Department of Animation and Gaming, KLH

RELIVING THE GOLDEN DAYS
Although gaming technology is advancing progressively day by day, for many from the past generations, video games from the 1990s were the best. Let's relieve the golden memories attached to these games

LIST OF A FEW GAMES ARE: ■ Mario ■ Roadrush ■ Streetfighter ■ Snake game ■ Sonic ■ GTA ■ Diablo ■ Pokémon

GAMING UP WITH COURSES ONLINE. HOW?

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced individual, upskilling oneself is always an added advantage. These courses aim to provide the basics of game development, major concepts, programming concepts and a lot more

2D ADVENTURE GAME CREATION: ART, MUSIC, PROGRAMMING AND MORE
Source: Udemy
Description: Students will be able to identify core skills needed to create adventure games; create original music and art assets for an adventure game; develop eight-pose walk-cycle animations for a 2D character; gather ideas for their game world; and map out a game level and scene; have a successful voice acting recording session; edit and separate voice acting takes; and export them for use in their game; bring their original art assets together to create an adventure game scene using Adventure Creator for Unity Game Engine; and use Adobe Photoshop as a tool for digital painting creation.

ESPORTS MANAGEMENT, GAME DESIGN, AND PROGRAMMING BY HP
Source: edX
Description: The 'HP Gaming Garage' hosted on the edX platform will offer access to curated online modules, covering esports management, game design and game programming in 12 languages including English, Hindi and Telugu.

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC GAME DEVELOPMENT USING SCRATCH
Source: Coursera
Description: This course teaches one to design a basic game using block-based code, learn how to use features in Scratch and how to create algorithms using block-based code.

HOW TO RAPIDLY MAKE 2D AND 3D GAME ART
Source: Udemy
Description: This course teaches you how to make detailed textures for 3Ds models with a low-poly retro style, create nice-looking minimalist 2D art for horror games, make rotoscoped animations for your games and make simple VFX for your 2D games.

VIDEO GAME DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT: INTRODUCTION TO GAME PROGRAMMING
Source: Future Learn
Description: This course teaches the basics of game development including major concepts of game programming, including user input, rendering and collision detection, how programming concepts are applied to games and how to evaluate different uses of programming concepts in games.

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EXPLORING HORIZONS OF AEROSPACE ENGINEERING BEYOND AIRCRAFT & SPACECRAFT

DR R ASOKAN, DEAN, SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICAL SCIENCES & HINDUSTAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE TALKS ABOUT THE AIRCRAFT AND THE SPACECRAFT INDUSTRY SHOWING NEW PATHWAYS FOR EAGER STUDENTS

AEROSPACE engineering is all about aircraft and spacecraft, but beyond that, what would it encompass?

Aerospace engineering encompasses various disciplines and applications beyond just aircraft and spacecraft. Some of the areas that aerospace engineering encompasses include Missile Systems: Design, Satellites and Space Exploration, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Rocketry and Propulsion Systems, Aerodynamics and Wind Engineering, Materials Science and Structures, Avionics and Electrical Systems, Software and Computing, Human Factors and Ergonomics, Systems Engineering and Integration, Sustainability and Environmental Impact, Autonomous Systems: Development of autonomous vehicles, robots, and systems for aerospace applications.

Tell us about the practical aspects of an aerospace engineering course. What practical aspects should an aerospace engineering course include?

The practical aspects of an aerospace engineering course should include:

- Well-equipped labs for materials testing, aerodynamics, propulsion systems, and control systems.
- Facilities for manufacturing, assembly, and testing of aerospace components and systems.
- Subsonic and supersonic wind tunnels for aerodynamics testing.
- Realistic flight simulation environments for aircraft and spacecraft design testing.
- Facilities for rapid prototyping and 3D printing of aerospace components.
- Access to industry-standard software such as CAD, CFD and FEA tools.
- Equipment for fabricating and assembling aerospace components, such as CNC machines and composite layup tools.
- Realtime aircraft and helicopter for testing and familiarisation.
- Collaboration with industry and research institutions.
- Instructors with practical experience in aerospace engineering to provide mentorship and guidance.
- Opportunities for students to gain practical experience through internship programmes.
- Access to the latest aerospace engineering equipment, software, and tools.

Dr R Asokan, Dean, School of Aeronautical Sciences & HITS

Is it true that aerospace is a very niche field? After aerospace engineering, what kind of academic and professional pathways open up for students?

Yes, it is a niche field, but it provides a strong foundation in mathematics, physics, and engineering principles, making aerospace engineers versatile and sought after in various industries.

Academic pathways:

- Pursue master's or PhD in aerospace engineering, astrophysics, materials science, or related fields.
- Explore fields like astrobiology, planetary science, or geophysics.
- Apply aerospace engineering skills to data analysis and machine learning.

Professional Pathways:

- Work in aeronautical and aerospace industries like Boeing, Airbus, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Automotive and transportation: Apply aerodynamics and materials expertise in the automobiles field.
- Contribute to sustainable energy solutions, wind turbine design, or environmental consulting.
- Leverage programming skills to develop software and apps.
- Apply problem-solving skills to management consulting, finance, or entrepreneurship.
- Work in government agencies, as well as defence for policy development.
- Pursue R&D roles in various industries, from materials science to biomedical engineering.

WHILE aerospace engineering is a modern field, its roots can be traced back to ancient civilisations. For example, the Vedas mention flying machines called *Vimanas* and the ancient Chinese were known to experiment with kites and early forms of rockets.

1 The Aerospace ecosystem in India is still developing

Despite the introduction of aerospace engineering courses in institutions across India, many graduates find themselves pushed into traditional information technology jobs due to a lack of awareness and a fully developed ecosystem.

However, after a decade of gradual progress, there is hope that the ecosystem is slowly beginning to shift. Additionally, the government must take active steps to bring the aerospace segment from abroad to India, not just for maintenance but also for the manufacturing of aircraft. Given India's vast market, establishing both manufacturing and maintenance operations domestically is crucial for the future.

2 The need for astronautical engineering in India

As India continues to advance in space exploration, focusing on astronautical engineering — particularly in human spaceflight — is essential. India has yet to establish a robust programme for active astronaut training and sending humans into space. Developing such programmes will not only make India independent but also allow it to dominate the global space arena with in-house technology. There is immense potential within the country. There are students graduating in this field who are migrating abroad due to the lack of opportunities. By investing in astronautical engineering, India can retain its talent and ensure that the country leads in space exploration.

DID YOU KNOW?

3 Impact on society beyond aviation

Aerospace engineering has significantly influenced various sectors beyond just aviation and space. Technologies initially developed for aerospace, such as GPS, advanced materials, and weather forecasting systems, have become an integral part of everyday life. This field's innovations also play a crucial role in global security, environmental monitoring, and disaster management, making aerospace engineering essential to modern society.

4 Challenges in sustainability and ethical concerns

The aerospace industry faces growing scrutiny over environmental sustainability and ethical considerations. The push for greener technologies, such as electric aircraft and sustainable aviation fuels, is critical to reducing the industry's carbon footprint. Additionally, the ethical implications of space exploration — such as space debris management and the potential for militarization of space — are important too.

You need mechanical engineers, electronic engineers, software engineers, physics and Math graduates, commerce graduates, and arts and science too, to put up a satellite or rocket in space hence, it is not mandatory that you pursue aerospace engineering academically to contribute to the diverse field of aerospace.

BRIDGING GAPS

Strengthening the field of Aerospace

IT IS difficult to study space, of course, the basics can be learnt from books but being hands-on is the best way to impart live knowledge that will be imprinted in the memories of children.Changing the syllabus once in five years should be mandatory as newer technologies are taking the forefront and we are lagging. What else should we be doing? Let's take a look...

Strengthen academia-industry partnerships

Enhance collaboration between start-ups and universities for mutual benefits and real-world experience.

Dr Srimathy Kesan, Founder and CEO of SPACE KIDZ India

Expand funding opportunities

Increase investment from government and private sectors to maintain global competitiveness.

Build specialised infra

Develop more testing facilities and research centres to support start-ups and reduce R&D costs.

Promote cross-disciplinary research

Encourage collaboration within fields like AI and robotics to drive groundbreaking innovations. Integrating diverse technological advancements can lead to novel solutions.

Enhance public-private partnerships

Foster government support and international collaborations to boost the field's growth. Active engagement can facilitate regulatory support, joint ventures, and access to global markets, positioning India as a competitive player in the aerospace sector.

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NIRF RANKINGS 2024: HOW DID INSTITUTES FROM THE SOUTH FARE?

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL RANKING FRAMEWORK (NIRF 2024) WERE RELEASED ON AUGUST 12 AND SOUTH INDIAN INSTITUTES, INCLUDING ODISHA, PERFORMED EXCEEDINGLY WELL IN THE ENGINEERING CATEGORY. LET'S ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT HOW THEY FARED IN NIRF 2023

TAMIL NADU

IN the Overall category, 18 institutions from Tamil Nadu are in top 100 and in the Universities category, 22 from the state feature in the top 100 list.

This is the sixth year that the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has maintained its top position in both the Overall and Engineering categories in the rankings. It has been ranked first in the Engineering category every year since the inception of the rankings in 2016.

Tamil Nadu's Anna University is the best state government funded university in the country.

In fact, 10 state-funded universities from Tamil Nadu are placed in the top 50 state public universities in the country. Bharathiar University is ranked 8th while University of Madras is ranked 12th.

NAME	CITY	NIRF 2023	NIRF 2024
Indian Institute of Technology Madras	Chennai	1	1
National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli	Tiruchirappalli	9	9
Vellore Institute of Technology	Vellore	11	11
S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology	Chennai	28	13
Anna University	Chennai	13	14
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	Coimbatore	19	23
Kalasalingam Academy of Research and Education	Srivilliputhur	36	36
Shanmugha Arts Science Technology and Research Academy	Thanjavur	34	38
Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering	Kalavakkam	45	46
Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences	Chennai	64	53
Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology	Chennai	66	66
PSG College of Technology	Coimbatore	63	67
Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology	Coimbatore	77	83
Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R & D Institute of Science and Technology	Chennai	87	86

TELANGANA

FOUR education institutions from the state made it to the top ten list in various categories. IIT Hyderabad, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Nalsar University of Law and Osmania University received recognition in several categories in the top ten.

IIT Hyderabad received dual ranks, fourth in the Innovation category and eighth in the Engineering category.

The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) bagged second place in the pharmacy category after Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, which was ranked first. The oldest university in the state, Osmania University was ranked sixth in the State Public Universities category.

NAME	CITY	NIRF 2023	NIRF 2024
Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad	Hyderabad	8	8
National Institute of Technology Warangal	Warangal	21	21
International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad	Hyderabad	55	47
University of Hyderabad	Hyderabad	71	70
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University	Hyderabad	83	88
SR University	Warangal	98	98

ANDHRA PRADESH

THREE universities from Andhra Pradesh have made significant strides in the NIRF 2024, securing positions among the top 100 institutions in India.

In the Engineering category, KLU (Engineering) secured the 35th rank, followed by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Tirupati at 61st, AU College of Engineering at 90th, and Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology, and Research at 91st.

Notably, no institution from the state secured a rank in the College Rankings, Research Institutions, Medical Institutions, Dental Institutions, Innovation, Open University, or Skill University categories.

Koneru Lakshmaiah University (KLU) in Vaddeswaram leads the state with an impressive Overall rank of 40, achieving a score of 55.47.

Close on its heels, Andhra University (AU) in Visakhapatnam earned the 41st rank with a score of 54.97. Acharya Nagarjuna University (ANU) in Guntur also featured in the top 100, securing the 97th rank with a score of 47.73.

In the University Rankings category, KLU (Engineering) was ranked 22nd with a score of 57.98, followed by AU at 25th with 57.67.

NAME	CITY	NIRF 2023	NIRF 2024
Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation University (K L College of Engineering)	Vaddeswaram	44	35
Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati	Yerpedu	59	61
AU College of Engineering (A)	Visakhapatnam	94	90
Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research	Guntur	85	91

KERALA

KERALA University retained its position as the top-ranked varsity in the state, improving its rank from 24 last year to 21.

In the category of state public university, Kerala University bagged the all-India ninth spot, followed by Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) at 10 and Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) at 11.

In the category of Engineering, NIT Calicut was ranked at 25, two spots down from last year. While Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology was ranked 51 in the category, IIT Palakkad bagged the 64th position.

NAME	CITY	NIRF 2023	NIRF 2024
National Institute of Technology Calicut	Kozhikode	23	25
Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology	Thiruvananthapuram	48	51
Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad	Palakkad	69	64

KARNATAKA

FOR the ninth year in a row, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore was ranked as the best in the University category and occupied the second spot in the Overall category.

In the Law category, the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) featured in the number one spot.

In the second spot, in the Management category, emerged the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore, second only to IIM Ahmedabad. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) has been declared as the best institute in the Medical category. Kasturba Medical College, Manipal is the ninth best in the same category.

NAME	CITY	NIRF 2023	NIRF 2024
National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal	Surathkal	12	17
Manipal Institute of Technology	Manipal	61	56
Visvesvaraya Technological University	Belgaum	52	69
International Institute of Information Technology B'lore	Bengaluru	74	74
M. S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology	Bengaluru	78	75
Christ University	Bengaluru	101 - 150	93
Jain University, Bangalore	Bengaluru	101 - 150	95
R.V. College of Engineering	Bengaluru	96	99
Siddaganga Institute of Technology	Tumkur	101 - 150	100

ODISHA

SOA has moved up one place this year from the 15th rank it occupied last year in the University category.

The university also moved up two places in the overall category to be placed 24th in the country in the latest ranking, stated a press release from the institute.

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology - Deemed University (KIIT-DU) has been ranked 15th among the top 100 universities in the country in the University category, marking an improvement of one place from the previous year. This recognition underscores the university's continuous efforts to enhance its academic and research standards. KIIT's law programme has also received accolades, ranking 11th among the top 40 law institutes in the country, an improvement of one place from last year.

NAME	CITY	NIRF 2023	NIRF 2024
National Institute of Technology Rourkela	Rourkela	16	19
Siksha ₹O₹ Anusandhan	Bhubaneswar	27	26
Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology	Bhubaneswar	39	37
Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	47	54
C.V. Raman Global University, Odisha	Bhubaneswar	100	96

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De-glamorising AI's charm

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence (AI) is a buzzword with various fascinating advancements such as ChatGPT, driverless cars, and AI-powered robots that capture the imagination of people. However, before diving into AI courses, one should have to scrape through all the hype and get to know what being an AI student is all about. So here are things you will need to know before making up your mind.

AI goes beyond just creating intelligent robots or sophisticated chatbots; it encompasses several disciplines, including machine learning, natural language processing, computer vision, robotics and data science. This extensive field finds its applications in different industries ranging from healthcare to entertainment. While cutting-edge technologies might appear attractive at first glance, they often involve rigorous data analysis exercises, algorithm development aspects and challenging problem-solving tasks.

Dr BM Satish,
Dean, School of Engineering-Mohan Babu University

Developing AI systems is a difficult process that involves research work, trials over time, and fine-tuning based on results obtained. Take, for instance, creating language models similar to ChatGPT — this involves training on massive datasets, optimising algorithms, and addressing ethical issues such as biases.

For students interested in pursuing artificial intelligence studies they must have fundamental mathematics basics such as advanced calculus skills and knowledge of linear algebra as well as statistical theories apart from programming languages like Python.

CATCHING UP WITH BREAKNECK PACE OF AI & ML

Prof S Arun Kumar, Dean of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at GITAM, Hyderabad spills the beans on how the education sector and educators should adapt to AI & ML and what opportunities it offers students

Prof Arun Kumar,
Dean, Department of CSE, GITAM

INTERVIEW

AI and ML are the buzzwords and every upcoming engineer wants to take up these courses academically. Tell us what makes the field so attractive and what kind of hard and soft skills should students identify in themselves before deciding to enroll for it?

A strong foundation in Linear Algebra, Numerical Methods and Statistics is necessary for the study of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML). In view of the fast-changing technology landscape in this area, critical thinking and adaptability are highly desirable for an individual to achieve success throughout their career.

AI is being used more and more in every field, tell us about two fields which are going to be transformed by AI and hence, students should be on the lookout for.

Education and healthcare are two areas that can greatly benefit from the advent of AI.

AI has the potential to transform education in numerous ways, enhancing teaching methodologies, personalising learning experiences and improving administrative efficiency.

In healthcare, AI can provide personalised treatment plans, make medical care accessible to remote locations via medical expert systems and assist in fast and improved diagnostic services. Machine learning models can help understand patient data to predict disease outbreaks and assess treatment outcomes.

Now, the question that we all fear – will AI actually replace the human workforce? Which job roles will survive in the presence of AI and what skills should students develop in this direction?

While AI may replace humans in certain job roles, it will not make all professions redundant. AI is a powerful tool designed to supplement human capabilities in certain domains — not replace them.

While we are likely to see a shift in the types of skills that are necessary, it is inconceivable that AI and ML can replace the human workforce. Critical thinking, creativity, emotional intelligence, and problem-solving are areas in which humans will continue to excel.

Leveraging and adapting to AI assistants, regardless of one's field of study, will be crucial for most job roles. Equally important are adaptability, lifelong learning and the ability to communicate and collaborate.

FUN-FACT

- India celebrated Artificial Intelligence Appreciation Day on July 16, 2024
- Hosted Global IndiaAI Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on July 3, 4

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- Launched on World Youth Skills' Day, July 15, 2023.
- A joint initiative of Skill India and GUVI.
- Offers free online training on Artificial Intelligence accredited by NCVET and IIT Madras.
- Aimed at equipping youth with essential AI skills to prepare them for future job markets.
- Emphasises breaking language barriers in technology education by offering courses in multiple Indian languages.

INDIA'S INITIATIVES

- Skill India AI Portal
- National AI Skilling Programme
- AI Youth Bootcamp
- AI in Vocational Training
- AI Research and Innovation Fund
- AI Competency Development Centres
- Collaborations with Global Tech Giants

While the industries themselves are grappling with AI developments, are our educational institutions truly ready to offer courses on AI and ML? Why or why not?

The fast pace of technological advancement in AI and ML means that educational institutions need to be nimble and agile in their attitude. Institutions must continuously update their courses, invest in faculty training, and provide access to cutting-edge resources to keep pace with scientific and technological developments. While a few institutions are leading the way, others are still finding their feet.

The rapid evolution of AI and ML has indeed presented challenges for educational institutions. While many universities have introduced AI and ML programmes, there's still a significant gap between academic curricula and rapidly evolving industry needs. However, we are seeing positive trends. Many institutions are partnering with tech companies to develop more relevant curricula. There is also a growing focus on interdisciplinary approaches, recognising that computer science and AI impact virtually every field.

What are the new advancements and developments you predict in AI and ML?

The AI and ML landscape is evolving at a breakneck pace. One major development is the increasing sophistication of natural language processing (NLP) — especially Large Language Models (LLMs) — which will lead to more intuitive and human-like interactions using AI systems. Additionally, advancements in reinforcement learning and unsupervised learning techniques will enable AI to learn more efficiently from less data.

Another exciting frontier is AI for social good. We will witness AI and ML being applied to address global challenges such as accessible healthcare and education for all.

On the other hand, AI and ML present certain challenges like the requirement of enormous computing power and storage, resulting in an increased carbon footprint and e-waste.

It is important to strike a balance between these pros and cons of AI deployments for reaping their benefits in the long run.

As far as AI and ML trends go, what do you think educators should look for?

We are witnessing a transformative period where AI is not just a buzzword but a powerful tool reshaping how we teach and learn.

One of the most exciting trends we are observing is the quick growth of the generative AI market. It is projected to reach a staggering $207 billion by 2030, up from an estimated $23.17 billion in 2022.

In the education sector, we are particularly interested in how AI is personalising the learning experience. Adaptive learning platforms and intelligent tutoring systems are using machine learning algorithms to analyse student data and provide customised instruction. This is a huge step towards effective education, based on one's learning capabilities and pace.

We are also excited about the potential of ML in educational analytics. This is helping us gain deeper insights into student performance, identify learning gaps and provide timely interventions.

Lastly, AI has the potential to revolutionise administrative tasks in education.

As we move forward, it is crucial to remember that while AI and ML offer immense opportunities, they can only augment human intelligence and skills — not replace them. In addition, safe and explainable AI and ML models need to be trained on unbiased data to provide responsible decisions.

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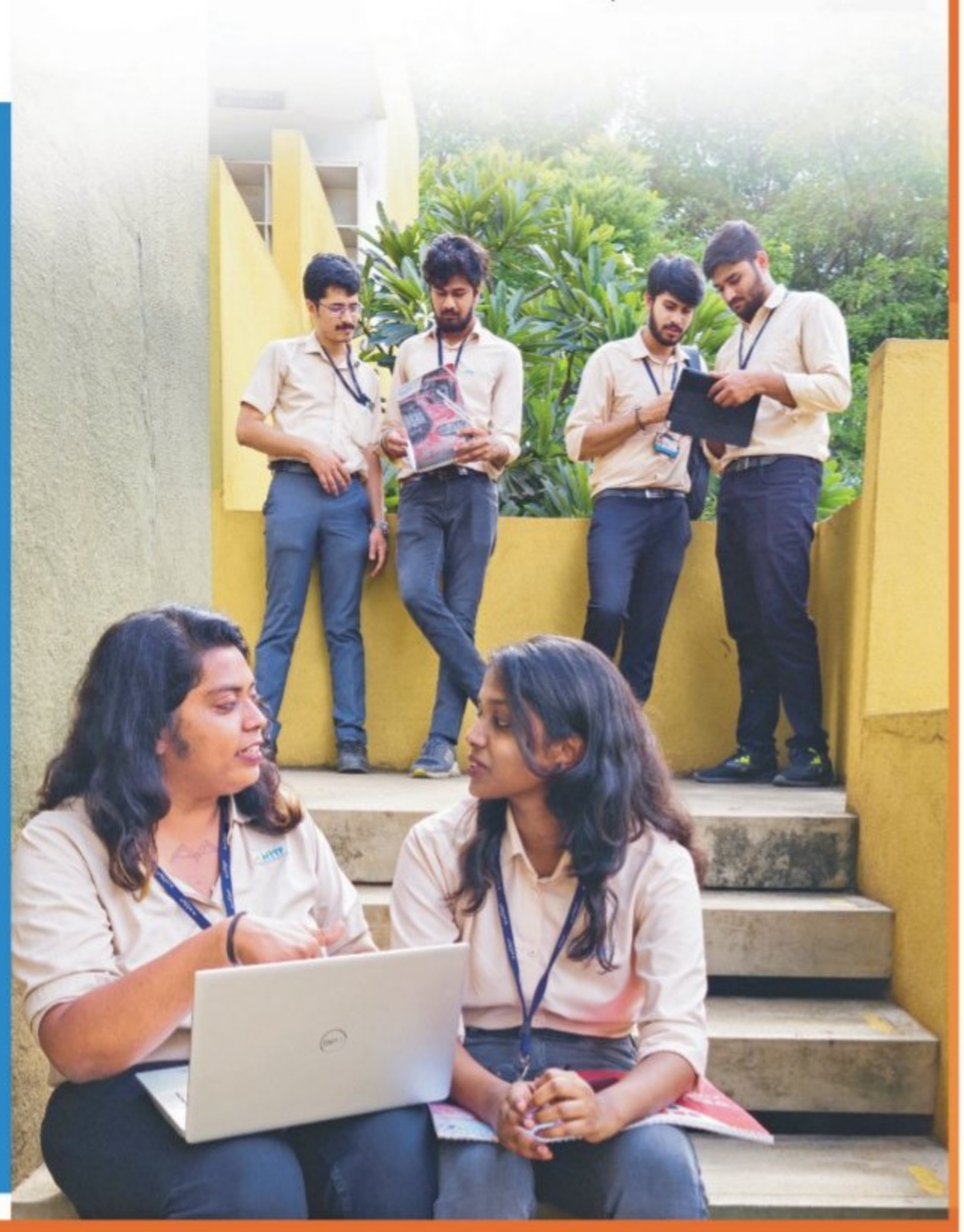

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